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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Began and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the second of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, being the First Session of the Third Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of Congress, the following Members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire,

{ Nicholas Gilman,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith, and
Paine Wingate.

From Massachusetts,

{ Shearjashub Bourne,
David Cobb,
Henry Dearborn,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Holten,
William Lyman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
George Thatcher, and
Artemas Ward.

From Connecticut,

{ Amasa Learned,
Uriah Tracy,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

From Vermont,

Israel Smith.

From New York,

{ Theodorus Bailey,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glenn,
James Gordon,
Silas Talbot,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck, and
John Watts.

From New Jersey,

{ John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clark, and
Jonathan Dayton.

From Pennsylvania,

{ James Armstrong,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Andrew Gregg,
Thomas Hartley,
William Irvine,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Thomas Scott, and
John Smilie.

From Maryland,

{ George Dent, and
Samuel Smith.

From Virginia,

{ William B. Giles,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Abraham Venable, and
Francis Walker.

From Kentucky,

Christopher Greenup.

From North Carolina,

{ Thomas Blount,
William Johnson Dawson,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon, and
Alexander Mebane.

From South Carolina,

William Smith,

From Georgia,

{ Abraham Baldwin, and
Thomas P. Carnes.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker, and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of **FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG**, one of the Representatives for the State of Pennsylvania: Whereupon,

The said Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg was conducted to the chair, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the House, as followeth :

Gentlemen: I feel, as I ought, the highest sense of the honor you have done me, in placing me in the chair.

Relying on that aid and support which I have heretofore experienced, I cheerfully undertake the task ; and permit me to assure you, that I shall exert myself to the utmost of my abilities, to perform the duties of the station with impartiality, integrity, and assiduity.

The House proceeded, in the same manner, to the appointment of a Clerk, and upon examining the ballots, an unanimous vote was found in favor of John Beckley.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was then administered by Theodore Sedgwick, one of the Representatives for the State of Massachusetts, to the Speaker, and then by Mr. Speaker to all the members present, to wit : Nicholas Gilman, John S. Sherburne, Jeremiah Smith, Paine Wingate, Shearjashub Bourne, David Cobb, Henry Dearborn, Benjamin Goodhue, Samuel Holten, William Lyman, Theodore Sedgwick, George Thatcher, Artemas Ward, Amasa

Learned, Uriah Tracey, Jonathan Trumbull, Jeremiah Wadsworth, Israel Smith, Theodorus Bailey, Ezekiel Gilbert, Henry Glenn, James Gordon, Silas Talbot, John E. Van Allen, Philip Van Cortlandt, Peter Van Gaasbeck, John Watts, John Beatty, Elias Boudinot, Lambert Cadwalader, Abraham Clark, Jonathan Dayton, James Armstrong, William Findley, Thomas Fitzsimons, Andrew Gregg, Thomas Hartley, William Irvine, John Wilkes Kittera, Peter Muhlenberg, Thomas Scott, John Smilie, George Dent, Samuel Smith, William B. Giles, Carter B. Harrison, John Heath, Richard Bland Lee, James Madison, Andrew Moore, Anthony New, John Nicholas, Francis Preston, Robert Rutherford, Abraham Venable, Francis Walker, Christopher Greenup, Thomas Blount, William Johnson Dawson, Matthew Locke, Nathaniel Macon, Alexander Mebane, William Smith, Abraham Baldwin, and Thomas P. Carnes.

The same oath, together with the oath of office prescribed by the said recited act, were also administered by Mr. Speaker to the Clerk.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and have elected Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg their Speaker; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, and Assistant Doorkeeper; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Joseph Wheaton, as Sergeant-at-Arms, Gifford Dally, as Doorkeeper, and Thomas Claxton, as Assistant Doorkeeper.

Ordered, That the said Joseph Wheaton, Gifford Dally, and Thomas Claxton, do severally give their attendance accordingly.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Boudinot, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate.

On motion,

Resolved, That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress for the present session, one by each House, to interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Madison, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service; and that the President signified to them, that he would make a communication to both Houses of Congress, tomorrow, at twelve o'clock, in the Senate Chamber.

On motion,

Resolved, That a standing committee of elections be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the certificates of election, or other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House; and to take into their consideration all such matters as shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, touching returns and elections, and to report their proceedings, with their opinion, thereupon, to the House.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. William Smith, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Macon, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Gordon,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding, as may be proper to be observed in this House; and a committee was appointed, of Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, and Mr. Baldwin.

On motion,

Resolved, That the rules and orders of proceedings established by the late House of Representatives, shall be deemed and taken to be the rules and orders of proceeding to be observed in this House, until a revision or alteration of the same shall take place.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during

the present session, with three newspapers, such as the members, respectively, shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Two other members, to wit: Joseph M'Dowell and Benjamin Williams, from North Carolina, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion,

Ordered, That William Constable and Company, and Rawleigh P. Downman, who severally presented a petition to the House, at the last session, have leave to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate are now ready, in the Senate Chamber, to attend this House in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses yesterday. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker, attended by the members of this House, then withdrew to the Senate Chamber, for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a copy of the speech delivered by the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, in the Senate Chamber, as followeth:

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

Since the commencement of the term for which I have been again called into office, no fit occasion has arisen for expressing to my fellow citizens, at large, the deep and respectful sense which I feel, of the renewed testimony of public approbation. While, on the one hand, it awakened my gratitude for all those instances of affectionate partiality, with which I have been honored by my country; on the other, it could not prevent an earnest wish for that retirement, from which no private consideration should ever have torn me. But, influenced by the belief that my conduct would be estimated according to its real motives; and that the People, and the authorities derived from them, would support exertions, having nothing personal for their object, I have obeyed the suffrage which commanded me to resume the Executive Power; and I humbly implore that Being, on whose will the fate of nations depends, to crown with success our mutual endeavors for the general happiness.

As soon as the war in Europe had embraced those Powers with whom the United States have the most extensive relations, there was reason to apprehend that our intercourse with them might be interrupted, and our disposition for peace drawn into question, by the suspicions too often entertained by belligerent nations. It seemed, therefore, to be my duty, to admonish our citizens of the consequences of a contraband trade, and of hostile acts to any of the parties; and to obtain, by a declaration of the existing legal state of things, an easier admission of our right to the immunities belonging to our situation. Under these impressions, the proclamation, which will be laid before you, was issued.

In this posture of affairs, both new and delicate, I resolved to adopt general rules, which should conform to the treaties, and assert the privileges, of the United States. These were reduced into a system, which will be communicated to you. Although I have not thought myself at liberty to forbid the sale of the prizes, permitted by our treaty of commerce with France to be brought into our ports, I have not refused to cause them to be restored, when they were taken within the protection of our territory, or by vessels commissioned or equipped in a warlike form, within the limits of the United States.

It rests with the wisdom of Congress to correct, improve, or enforce this plan of procedure; and it will probably be found expedient to extend the legal code, and the jurisdiction of the Courts of the United States, to many cases which, though dependent on principles, already recognised, demand some further provisions.

Where individuals shall, within the United States, array themselves in hostility against any of the Powers at war; or enter upon military expeditions or enterprises within the jurisdiction of the United States; or usurp and exercise judicial authority within the United States; or where the penalties on violations of the law of nations may have been indistinctly marked, or are inadequate; these offences cannot receive too early and close an attention, and require prompt and decisive remedies.

Whatsoever those remedies may be, they will be well administered by the Judiciary, who possess a long established course of investigation, effectual process, and officers in the habit of executing it.

In like manner, as several of the courts have *doubted*, under particular circumstances, their power to liberate the vessels of a nation at peace, and even of a citizen of the United States, although seized under a false color of being hostile property, and have *denied* their power to liberate certain captures within the protection of our territory; it would seem proper to regulate their jurisdiction in these points. But if the Executive is to be the resort, in either of the two last mentioned cases, it is hoped that he will be authorized by law to have facts ascertained by the courts, when, for his own information, he shall request it.

I cannot recommend to your notice measures for the fulfilment of *our* duties to the rest of the world, without again pressing upon you the necessity of placing ourselves in a condition of complete defence, and of exacting from *them* the fulfilment of *their* duty towards *us*. The United States ought not to indulge a persuasion, that, contrary to the order of human events, they will, forever, keep at a distance those painful appeals to arms, with which the history of every other nation abounds. There is a rank due to the United States among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war. The documents, which will be presented to you, will shew the amount, and kinds of arms and military stores now in our magazines and arsenals; and yet an addition, even to these supplies, cannot, with prudence, be neglected, as it would leave nothing to the uncertainty of procuring a warlike apparatus, in the moment of public danger.

Nor can such arrangements, with such objects, be exposed to the censure or jealousy of the warmest friends of Republican Government. They are incapable of abuse in the hands of the Militia, who ought to possess a pride in being the depositary of the force of the Republic, and may be trained to a degree of energy equal to every military exigency of the United States. But it is an inquiry, which cannot be too solemnly pursued, whether the act "more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States," has organized them so as to produce their full effect; whether your own experience, in the several States, has not detected some imperfections in the scheme; and whether a material feature in an improvement of it ought not to be, to afford an opportunity for the study of those branches of the military art which can scarcely ever be attained by practice alone?

The connexion of the United States with Europe has become extremely interesting. The occurrences which relate to it, and have passed under the knowledge of the Executive, will be exhibited to Congress in a subsequent communication.

When we contemplate the war on our frontiers, it may be truly affirmed that every reasonable effort has been made to adjust the causes of dissension with the Indians North of the Ohio. The instructions given to the Commissioners evince a moderation and equity, proceeding from a sincere love of peace, and a liberality, having no restriction but the essential interests and dignity of the United States. The attempt, however, of an amicable negotiation having been frustrated, the troops have marched to act offensively. Although the proposed treaty did not arrest the progress of military preparation, it is doubtful how far the advance of the season, before good faith justified active movements, may retard them during the remainder of the year. From the papers and intelligence which relate to this important subject, you will determine whether the deficiency in the number of the troops granted by law shall be compensated by succours of militia, or additional encouragements shall be proposed to recruits.

An anxiety has been also demonstrated by the Executive for peace with the Creeks and the Cherokees. The former have been relieved with corn and with clothing, and offensive measures against them prohibited during the recess of Congress. To satisfy the complaints of the latter, prosecutions have been instituted for the violences committed upon them. But the papers which will be delivered to you disclose the critical footing on which we stand, in regard to both those tribes; and it is with Congress to pronounce what shall be done.

After they shall have provided for the present emergency, it will merit their most serious labors to render tranquillity with the savages permanent, by creating ties of interest. Next to a rigorous execution of justice on the violators of peace, the establishment of commerce with the Indian nations, on behalf of the United States, is most likely to conciliate their attachment. But it ought to be conducted without fraud—without extortion; with constant and plentiful supplies; with a ready market for the

commodities of the Indians, and a stated price for what they give in payment, and receive in exchange. Individuals will not pursue such a traffic, unless they be allured by the hope of profit; but it will be enough for the United States to be reimbursed only. Should this recommendation accord with the opinion of Congress, they will recollect that it cannot be accomplished by any means yet in the hands of the Executive.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Commissioners, charged with the settlement of accounts between the United and individual States, concluded their important functions within the time limited by law; and the balances struck in their report, which will be laid before Congress, have been placed on the books of the Treasury.

On the first day of June last, an instalment of one million of florins became payable on the loans of the United States in Holland. This was adjusted by a prolongation of the period of reimbursement, in nature of a new loan, at an interest of five per cent. for the term of ten years; and the expenses of this operation were a commission of three per cent.

The first instalment of the loan of two millions of dollars from the Bank of the United States has been paid, as was directed by law. For the second, it is necessary that provision should be made.

No pecuniary consideration is more urgent than the regular redemption and discharge of the public debt: on none can delay be more injurious, or an economy of time more valuable.

The productiveness of the public revenues, hitherto, has continued to equal the anticipations which were formed of it; but it is not expected to prove commensurate with all the objects which have been suggested. Some auxiliary provisions will, therefore, it is presumed, be requisite; and it is hoped that these may be made consistently with a due regard to the convenience of our citizens, who cannot but be sensible of the true wisdom of encountering a small present addition to their contributions, to obviate a future accumulation of burthens.

But here, I cannot forbear to recommend a repeal of the tax on the transportation of public prints. There is no resource so firm for the Government of the United States as the affections of the People, guided by an enlightened policy; and to this primary good nothing can conduce more, than a faithful representation of public proceedings, diffused, without restraint, throughout the United States.

An estimate of the appropriations necessary for the current service of the ensuing year, and a statement of a purchase of arms and military stores made during the recess, will be presented to Congress.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The several subjects to which I have now referred, open a wide range to your deliberations, and involve some of the choicest interests of our common country. Permit me to bring to your remembrance the magnitude of your task. Without an unprejudiced coolness, the welfare of the Government may be hazarded; without harmony, as far as consists with freedom of sentiment, its dignity may be lost. But as the legislative proceedings of the United States will never, I trust, be reproached for the want of temper or candor, so shall not the public happiness languish from the want of my strenuous and warmest co-operation.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

Philadelphia, December 3d, 1793.

Ordered, That the said speech be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, who delivered in a copy of the proclamation, together with a copy of the rules prescribed by the President for the government of the Executive Officers, in executing the treaties between the United States and foreign Powers, referred to in the President's speech to both Houses. And then he withdrew.

The said papers were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the President's Speech to both Houses of Congress.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress, for the present session, and have elected the Right Reverend Bishop White, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded by ballot to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress,

on the part of this House; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Ashbel Green.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to examine the Journal of the last session, and to report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Kittera.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Several other Members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Peleg Coffin, junior; from Pennsylvania, William Montgomery; and from Maryland, William Vans Murray, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said Speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that a respectful address ought to be presented by the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of this session, containing assurances that this House will take into consideration the various and important matters recommended to their attention.

Ordered, That Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Watts, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Samuel Smith, be appointed a committee to prepare an address pursuant to the said resolution.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said Speech.

A petition of Henry Latimer, of the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, complaining of an undue election and return of John Patton, to serve as a member of this House for the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, communicating the instructions to the Commissioners appointed to treat with the hostile Indians North of the Ohio, and their report, in the form of a journal of their proceedings; also, a statement of the troops in the legion of the United States, and certain intelligence from Major General Wayne; which were partly read.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Several other Members, to wit: From Massachusetts, Fisher Ames and Dwight Foster; and, from Vermont, Nathaniel Niles, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in this House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House resumed the reading of the papers communicated by the Secretary of War, yesterday, and went through the same.

Ordered, That the said papers be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 5th, 1793.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

As the present situation of the several Nations of Europe, and especially of those with which the United States have important relations, cannot but render the state of things between them and us, matter of interesting inquiry to the Legislature, and may,

indeed, give rise to deliberations to which they alone are competent, I have thought it my duty to communicate to them certain correspondences which have taken place.

The Representative and Executive Bodies of France have manifested, generally, a friendly attachment to this country; have given advantages to our commerce and navigation, and have made overtures for placing these advantages on permanent ground; a decree, however, of the National Assembly, subjecting vessels laden with provisions to be carried into their ports, and making enemy-goods lawful prize, in the vessel of a friend, contrary to our treaty, though revoked at one time, as to the United States, has been since extended to their vessels also, as has been recently stated to us. Representations on this subject will be immediately given in charge to our Minister there, and the result shall be communicated to the Legislature.

It is with extreme concern I have to inform you, that the proceedings of the person whom they have unfortunately appointed their Minister Plenipotentiary here, have breathed nothing of the friendly spirit of the Nation which sent him; their tendency, on the contrary, has been to involve us in war abroad, and discord and anarchy at home. So far as his acts, or those of his agents, have threatened our immediate commitment in the war, or flagrant insult to the authority of the laws, their effect has been counteracted by the ordinary cognizance of the laws, and by an exertion of the powers confided to me. Where their danger was not imminent, they have been borne with, from sentiments of regard to his nation; from a sense of their friendship towards us; from a conviction that they would not suffer us to remain long exposed to the action of a person, who has so little respected our mutual dispositions; and I will add, from a reliance on the firmness of my fellow-citizens, in their principles of peace and order. In the mean time, I have respected and pursued the stipulations of our treaties according to what I judged their true sense; and have withheld no act of friendship which their affairs have called for from us, and which justice to others left us free to perform. I have gone further. Rather than employ force for the restitution of certain vessels which I deemed the United States bound to restore, I thought it more advisable to satisfy the parties, by avowing it to be my opinion, that, if restitution were not made, it would be incumbent on the United States to make compensation. The papers now communicated will more particularly apprise you of these transactions.

The vexations and spoliations understood to have been committed on our vessels and commerce, by the cruisers and officers of some of the belligerent Powers, appeared to require attention. The proofs of these, however, not having been brought forward, the description of citizens supposed to have suffered, were notified that, on furnishing them to the Executive, due measures would be taken to obtain redress of the past, and more effectual provisions against the future. Should such documents be furnished, proper representations will be made thereon, with a just reliance on a redress proportioned to the exigency of the case.

The British Government having undertaken, by orders of the commanders of their armed vessels, to restrain, generally, our commerce, in corn and other provisions, to their own ports and those of their friends, the instructions now communicated were immediately forwarded to our Minister at that Court. In the mean time, some discussions on the subject took place between him and them; these are also laid before you; and I may expect to learn the result of his special instructions, in time to make it known to the Legislature during their present session.

Very early after the arrival of a British Minister here, mutual explanations on the execution of the treaty of peace were entered into with that Minister: these are now laid before you for your information.

On the subjects of mutual interest between this country and Spain, negotiations and conferences are now depending. The public good requiring that the present state of these should be made known to the Legislature, *in confidence only*, they shall be the subject of a separate and subsequent communication.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said Secretary also delivered in a copy of the report of the late Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and individual States, stating the balances due to and from the respective States. And then he withdrew.

The written message and communications from the President were partly read.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the report of the Commissioners for settling accounts between the United and individual States be printed for the use of the Members.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of

Congress; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Two other members, to wit: from Connecticut, James Hillhouse; and from Virginia, Josiah Parker, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Abner Ross, of the State of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain certificates of public debt, which were burnt or otherwise destroyed, in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. William Smith, from the Standing Committee of Elections, reported that the committee had, according to order, in part examined the certificates and other credentials of the Members returned to serve in this House, and had agreed upon a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"It appears to your committee, that the credentials of the following Members are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House, to wit:

From New Hampshire,

Nicholas Gilman,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith, and
Paine Wingate,

From Massachusetts,

Fisher Ames,
Shearjashub Bourne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin, Jr.
Henry Dearborn,
Dwight Foster,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Holton,
William Lyman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
George Thatcher, and
Artemas Ward.

From Connecticut,

James Hillhouse,
Amasa Learned,
Uriah Tracy,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Jeremiah Wadsworth.

From Vermont,

Nathaniel Niles, and
Israel Smith.

From New York,

Theodorus Bailey,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Silas Talbot,
Thomas Tredwell,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck, and
John Watts.

From New Jersey,

John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Calwalader,
Abraham Clarke, and
Jonathan Dayton.

From Pennsylvania,

James Armstrong,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Andrew Gregg,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
William Irvine,
John Wilkes Kittera,
William Montgomery,
Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Thomas Scott, and
John Smilie.

From Delaware,

John Patton.

From Maryland,

Gabriel Christie,
George Dent,
Uriah Forest,
William Hindman,
John Francis Mercer,
William Vans Murray,
Samuel Smith, and
Thomas Sprigg.

From Virginia,

Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William B. Giles,
Samuel Griffin,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Abraham Venable, and
Francis Walker,
Christopher Greenup.

From Kentucky,

Thomas Blount,
William Johnson Dawson,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane, and
Benjamin Williams,

From South Carolina,

William Smith,
Abraham Baldwin, and
Thomas P. Carnes.

From Georgia,

Your committee further report that, in the case of John Patton, returned as a member for the State of Delaware, the Executive of the said State have, together with the return, transmitted a protest, made to them by Henry Latimer, of the said State, against the return of the said John Patton."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Address of the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said Address under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Resolved, unanimously, That this House doth agree to the said address, in the words following:

SIR: The Representatives of the People of the United States, in meeting you, for the first time since you have been again called, by an unanimous suffrage, to your present station, find an occasion, which they embrace with no less sincerity than promptitude, for expressing to you their congratulations on so distinguished a testimony of public approbation: and their entire confidence in the purity and patriotism of the motives which have produced this obedience to the voice of your country. It is to virtues which have commanded long and universal reverence, and services from which have flowed great and lasting benefits, that the tribute of praise may be paid, without the reproach of flattery; and it is from the same sources that the fairest anticipations may be derived in favor of the public happiness.

The United States having taken no part in the war which had embraced in Europe the Powers with whom they have the most extensive relations, the maintenance of peace was justly to be regarded, as one of the most important duties of the magistrate charged with the faithful execution of the laws. We, accordingly, witness, with approbation and pleasure, the vigilance with which you have guarded against an interruption of that blessing, by your proclamation, admonishing our citizens of the consequences of illicit or hostile acts towards the belligerent parties; and promoting, by a declaration of the existing legal state of things, an easier admission of our right to the immunities belonging to our situation.

The connection of the United States with Europe has evidently become extremely interesting. The communications which remain to be exhibited to us, will, no doubt, assist in giving us a fuller view of the subject, and in guiding our deliberations to such results as may comport with the rights and true interests of our country.

We learn, with deep regret, that the measures, dictated by a love of peace, for obtaining an amicable termination of the afflicting war on our frontiers, have been frustrated; and that a resort to offensive measures should have again become necessary. As the latter, however, must be rendered more satisfactory, in proportion to the solicitude for peace, manifested by the former, it is to be hoped they will be pursued under the better auspices, on that account, and be finally crowned with more happy success.

In relation to the particular tribes of Indians, against whom offensive measures have been prohibited, as well as on all the other important subjects which you have presented to our view, we shall bestow the attention which they claim. We cannot, however, refrain, at this time, from particularly expressing our concurrence in your anxiety for the regular discharge of the public debts, as fast as circumstances and events will permit; and in the policy of removing any impediments that may be found in the way of a faithful representation of public proceedings throughout the United States: being persuaded, with you, that, on no subject, more than the former, can delay be more injurious, or an economy of time more valuable; and that, with respect to the latter, no resource is so firm for the Government of the United States, as the affections of the People, guided by an enlightened policy.

Throughout our deliberations we shall endeavor to cherish every sentiment which may contribute to render them conducive to the dignity as well as to the welfare of the United States. And we join with you in imploring that Being, on whose will the fate of nations depends, to crown with success our mutual endeavors.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said address, and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Hartley, be a committee to wait on the President, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

A petition of Henry K. Van Rensselaer, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, complaining of an undue election and return of John E. Van Alen, to serve as a member of this House, for the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Elections; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House resumed the reading of the message and communications received yesterday from the President of the United States, and made a farther progress therein.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, waited on the President, who signified to them that it would be convenient to him to receive the said address at twelve o'clock to-morrow, at his own house.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Two other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Peleg Wadsworth; and from Virginia, Joseph Neville, appeared, produced their credentials and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; to which the President made the following reply:

GENTLEMEN: I shall not affect to conceal the cordial satisfaction, which I derive from the address of the House of Representatives. Whatsoever those services may be, which you have sanctioned by your favor, it is a sufficient reward that they have been accepted as they were meant. For the fulfilment of your anticipations of the future, I can give no other assurance than that the motives which you approve shall continue unchanged.

It is truly gratifying to me to learn that the proclamation has been considered as a seasonable guard against the interruption of the public peace. Nor can I doubt, that the subjects which I have recommended to your attention, as depending on legislative provisions, will receive a discussion suited to their importance. With every reason, then, it may be expected that your deliberations, under the Divine blessing, will be matured to the honor and happiness of the United States.

G. WASHINGTON.

The House resumed the reading of the communications received from the President of the United States, on Thursday last, and made a farther progress therein.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of January, to the thirty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive. Also, of his payments and receipts on account of the War Department, from the first of January to the thirtieth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day was further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Several other members, to wit: from Maryland, Gabriel Christie; from Virginia, Thomas Claiborne and George Hancock; from North Carolina, Joseph Winston; and from South Carolina, John Hunter and Andrew Pickens; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion,

Ordered, That one hundred and fifty copies of the accounts of the Treasurer of the United States, of receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of January to the thirty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive; also, of receipts and payments on account of the War Department, from the first of January to the thirtieth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive, be printed for the use of the members of both Houses.

The House resumed the reading of the communications received from the President of the United States on Thursday last, and made a farther progress therein.

Mr. William Smith, from the Standing Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Henry K. Van Rensselaer, of the State of New York, complaining of an undue election and return of John E. Van Allen, to serve as a member of this House for the said State, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

The House resumed the reading of the communications received from the President of the United States on Thursday last, and made a farther progress therein.

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Latimer, of the State of Delaware, complaining of an undue election and return of John Patton, to serve as a member of this House for the said State, which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Elections, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Two other members, to wit: from Rhode Island, Benjamin Bourne and Francis Malbone, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House resumed the reading of the communications received from the President of the United States on Thursday last, and went through the same.

Ordered, That the said communications be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said speech under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for completing and better supporting the military establishment of the United States.

2d. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and what, amendments are, in their opinion, necessary, to the act for establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States.

3d. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act to establish the Post-Office and Post Roads of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Parker, Mr. Carnes, and Mr. Blount, be a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Cobb, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Pickens, be a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Glen, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Dent, Mr. Walker, Mr. M'Dowell, and Mr. Hunter, be a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said speech.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Standing Committee of Elections have power to send for persons, papers, and records, for their information.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of April to the thirtieth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last session, and to report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to examine the laws of the United States, and report to the House such as have expired, or will expire before the next session; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Kittera, be the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until Friday morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Two other members, to wit: from New York, Thomas Tredwell; and from Delaware, John Patton; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said speech under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said speech.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and that Mr. Giles, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Ames, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Boudinot, be the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to make provision for the renewal of destroyed certificates of debt of the United States, and that Mr. Lee, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Beatty, be the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and that Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Watts, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Winston, and Mr. Malbone, be the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Samuel Dexter, junior; from Connecticut, Joshua Coit and Zephaniah Swift; and from South Carolina, Richard Winn; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that a new inquiry into his official conduct may be instituted, in some mode most effectual for an accurate and thorough investigation; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Christian George, of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, widow of William George, deceased, late sailing master on board the Sachem sloop of war, in the service of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that an allowance of half-pay may be made for the services of the said deceased, or such other relief afforded her, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying a return of the ordnance, arms, and military stores, in possession of the United States; also, a variety of papers from A, to L, inclusive, giving a view of the Southwestern frontiers, as connected with the Creeks, and the State of Georgia, and the Southwestern territory of the United States.

The said letter and communications were partly read.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the act "to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," and report some provisions in the case, where any Judge of the courts of the United States is, or may, by sickness or other disqualifying cause, be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office. Also, some further provision concerning bail, process, and costs, in the courts of the United States; and, generally, to report such amendments to the said act, as they may judge necessary and constitutional; and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Moore, Mr. Murray, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Christie, be the said committee.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, who delivered in certain confidential communications respecting the transactions of the Government of the United States with Spain. And then withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Sedgwick have leave to be absent from the service of this House for six weeks.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, who delivered in certain confidential communications, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco; and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines. And then withdrew.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the commissioners for purchasing the public debt, stating the amount of purchases and other proceedings since their last report; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for completing and better supporting the military establishment of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of Albert Russel, of the county of Loudoun, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for military services, rendered as a Lieutenant of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to the reading of the confidential communications received, yesterday, from the President of the United States, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines, and went through the same.

The House then proceeded to the reading of the confidential communications from the President, respecting the transactions of the Government of the United States with Spain, and made some progress therein.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

A petition of Henry Hill, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a bill may be brought in, similar to the bill passed by this House the twenty-eighth of February last, "directing the officers of the Treasury to pass to the credit of John Banks the sum of nine thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety cents," for the purpose of enabling the representatives of the said John Banks to make a partial payment to his creditors.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Heath; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. William Smith, from the Standing Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Henry K. Van Rensselaer, of the State of New York, complaining of an undue election and return of John E. Van Allen, to serve as a member of this House for the said State, made a further report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the confidential communications received from the President of the United States, on Monday last, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the reading of the confidential communications from the President, respecting the transactions of the Government of the United States with Spain, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

A petition of Daniel Waters, of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services as a Captain in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, and accompanied with an explanatory letter to him, from the Comptroller of the Treasury; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said account of receipts and expenditures be printed, under the direction of the Treasury Department, for the use of the members of both Houses.

Ordered, That Mr. Dearborn be added to the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act "to establish the post office and post roads of the United States."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying further communications respecting the Southwestern frontiers, as connected with the Creeks, and the State of Georgia, and the Southwestern Territory of the United States.

Ordered, That the said letter and communications do lie on the table.

A memorial of Andrew G. Fraunces, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, stating that, in the month of May last, he purchased warrants of the late Board of Treasury, to a considerable amount, and, agreeably to the act of Congress of the twenty-ninth of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, making appropriations for those warrants, presented them to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment; but was, by him, from time to time, trifled with, notwithstanding the law, and ultimate payment mysteriously denied or evaded; and praying an inquiry into, and relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Giles, Mr. Findley, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Coffin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying a report on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries, made pursuant to a resolution of the House of the twenty-third of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into, and report a state of facts respecting sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States, and their opinion on the propriety of remitting the foreign tonnage thereon, and that Mr. Venable, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Lyman, be the said committee.

The House resumed the reading of the confidential communications from the President, respecting the transactions of the Government of the United States with Spain, and went through the same.

Ordered, That the said communications be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the confidential communications respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Two other members, to wit: from Maryland, William Hindman; and from Virginia, Samuel Griffin; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A memorial of Nathan Smith, late a Surgeon's Mate in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the commutation of half-pay granted to officers who continued in service to the end of the war, may be extended to him.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Christie, Mr. Holten, and Mr. Learned; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Patrick Bennet, late Quartermaster in Colonel Moylan's regiment of light dragoons, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed the depreciation of pay for his services as foragemaster to a brigade of cavalry in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Stebbens Wilson, of the county of Harkemer, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services

rendered, and injuries sustained, whilst a prisoner, taken by the British Army on lake Champlain, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Standing Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Henry K. Van Rensselaer, of the State of New York, complaining of an undue election and return of John E. Van Allen, to serve as a member of this House, for the said State; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

On the question that the committee have leave to sit again,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther proceeding on the said report.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table, when a motion being made and seconded, to re-commit the same to the Committee of Elections, and debate arising thereon.

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Another member, to wit: Alexander D. Orr, from Kentucky, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of William Roberts, and others, invalid pensioners of the United States, now residing in the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of their pensions, and praying that, in consideration of their former services, and present distress, occasioned by the late calamity in the said city, the Commissioner of Loans for the State of Pennsylvania, may be authorized to advance to them, on account of their pensions, the three months allowance due since the fifth of September last.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Sarah Beacham, of Malden, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the use of, and damages done to her dwelling house and other property, by the American troops, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of John Sebastian Cunitz was presented to the House and read, praying that the depreciation of pay may be allowed for his services as a sergeant in Count Pulaski's legion of the Continental Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the reading of the communications from the Secretary of War, respecting the Southwestern frontiers, as connected with the Creeks and the State of Georgia, and the Southwestern Territory of the United States, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

A petition of George Crowninshield, Joseph White, and John Collins, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a vessel and cargo, which were captured by the ship Confederacy, in the service of the United States, during the late war, in consequence of a double set of papers with which the said vessel was furnished, as a security against the enemy.

Also, a petition of William M'Neil, of the county of Dutchess, in the State of New York, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a quantity of wheat flour, the property of the petitioner, which was taken for the use of the United States, some time in the year one thousand seven seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Thomas Frothingham, of Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, son and heir of Abigail Frothingham, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a dwelling house, the property of the said deceased, which was burnt by a detachment of the American Army, under the command of General Sullivan, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Lewis Joseph Beaulieu, Captain in the legion of the late Count Pulaski, and formerly Captain Aid-de-camp to the Governor of the Invalid's Hotel, in the service of France, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted him, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained whilst in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Christian George and Stebbens Wilson, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the report from the Standing Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Henry K. Van Rensselaer, of the State of New York, complaining of an undue election and return of John E. Van Allen, to serve as a member of this House, for the said State : Whereupon,

The motion made on Friday last, to recommit the said report to the same committee, being revived, and the question put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

And then the said report being again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:

"That your committee have received from Lewis A. Scott, Secretary of the State of New York, a list of the number of votes given in each town in the Counties of Rensselaer and Clinton, for John E. Van Allen, and Henry K. Van Rensselaer, which list has been admitted by the said sitting member and petitioner, to be a true and correct state of the ballots, estimated and canvassed at the said election.

It appears to your committee, that the allegations in regard to Stephentown, viz: 'that the petitioner had a greater number in the said town than were returned to be estimated and canvassed,' even if proved, would not, consistently with the law of the State of New York, be sufficient to set aside the votes given at the election in the said town.

That even should the irregularities complained of, with respect to the elections of the towns of Hoosack and Rensselaerwyck, be sufficient to set aside the votes given in the said towns, still it appears, that the said John E. Van Allen has a majority of the remaining votes of the District, composed of the Counties of Rensselaer and Clinton."

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said report.

Resolved, That the allegations of the petition do not state corruption, nor irregularities of sufficient magnitude, under the law of New York, to invalidate the election and return of John E. Van Allen, to serve as a member in this House, and that therefore the said John E. Van Allen is duly elected.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 23, 1793.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

Since the communications which were made to you on the affairs of the United States with Spain, and on the truce between Portugal and Algiers, some other papers have been received, which, making a part of the same subjects, are now communicated for your information.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said communications under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said communications.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, the substance of all such laws, decrees, or ordinances, respecting commerce, in any of the Kingdoms or Countries with which the United States have commercial intercourse, and which have been received by the Secretary of State, and not already stated to this House, in his report of the sixteenth instant.

Ordered, That Mr. Wingate, Mr. New, and Mr. Armstrong, be a committee to wait on the President, with the foregoing resolution.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned until Thursday morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.

A petition of Abram Trigg, of the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, complaining of an undue election and return of Francis Preston, to serve as a member of this House, for the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Elections; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Aaron Lyon, of the County of Dutchess, in the State of New York, was presented to the House, and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the value of a pettiaugre, and use of sundry batteaux, which were taken by the commanding officer at the Fort on Lake George, to remove baggage, military stores, and provisions, for the use of the Continental Army, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Thomas Jenkins, Elisha Jenkins, Frederick Jenkins, and Gilbert Jenkins, of the City of Hudson, in the State of New York, who transact business under the firm of Thomas Jenkins and Sons, praying that they may be exonerated from the payment of the duties imposed on foreign vessels, to which they will be subjected in the case of the Ship American Hero, the property of the petitioners, whose register, owing to a variety of unforeseen causes, was not recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Also, a petition of John M'Lean, of the County of Dutchess, in the State of New York, praying compensation for the destruction of fences, and other property of the petitioner, by a detachment of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Killian Van Rensselaer, and others, citizens of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims for quantities of grain, and other articles, furnished for the support of the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Maria Harkemer, widow of Nicholas Harkemer, deceased, Brigadier General of Militia, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying an allowance of seven years' half-pay, for the services of her said husband, who died in consequence of a wound received in an engagement with the enemy, at Fort Stanwix, on the sixth of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said communications under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said communication.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Another member, to wit: Daniel Heister, from Pennsylvania, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Eliphalet Ladd, of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties on a small quantity of goods saved from the wreck of a ship, the property of the petitioner, which was loast on the coast of Massachusetts, on the night of the tenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr Goodhue, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Sherburne; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The petitions of sundry citizens of the State of Virginia, residing on the South side of James River, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that a post road may be established from Richmond to Powhatan Court House; from thence, through Cumberland and Prince Edward, to the town of Lynchburg; and from thence, through the towns of New London and Liberty, to Botetourt Court House, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act to "establish the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States."

A petition of Thomas Manning, of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, mariner, was presented to the House and read, praying the relief or aid of Congress, against the breach of a contract, on the part of the Government of France, with the petitioner.

Also, a petition of Stephen Sayre, praying compensation for services rendered, and a reimbursement of expenses incurred by the petitioner, whilst employed in various diplomatic characters, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said communications under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said communications.

Mr. Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30.

A petition of Haffield White, late a Captain in the fifth Massachusetts Regiment of the Continental Army, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the value of a certain sum in continental currency, which was received for the pay of his Company, and taken by the enemy, on the twenty-second of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Also, a petition, of John Alberson praying compensation for services as a private in the eleventh Regiment of the Virginia Line, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Mary Brown, widow of Samuel Brown, late of the State of Virginia, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was killed at the battle of Brandywine, whilst a private in the Continental Army, during the late war.

Also, a petition of George Calmese, of the State of Virginia, praying compensation for the value of a wagon and team, which were take for public use, in the month of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and of which he is now deprived by the operation of the acts of limitation.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. William Smith, from the standing Committee of Elections, reported that the committee had, according to order, examined several other certificates and credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, and had agreed upon a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"It appears to your committee that the credentials of the following members, are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House, to wit:

From Massachusetts,	{ Samuel Dexter, junior, and Peleg Wadsworth.
From Rhode Island.	{ Benjamin Bourne, and Francis Malbone.
From Connecticut,	{ Joseph Coit, and Zephaniah Swift.
From South Carolina,	{ John Hunter, Andrew Pickens, and Richard Winn."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew G. Fraunces, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the standing rule and order of this House, entered into on the seventeenth day, of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be amended to read as followeth:

Resolved, That it be a standing order of this House, that, whenever confidential communications are received from the President of the United States, the House shall be cleared of all persons, except the members and the clerk, and so continue during the reading of such communications, and (unless otherwise directed by the House) during all debates and proceedings to be had thereon: and that when the Speaker, or any other member, shall inform the House that he has communications to make which he conceives, ought to be kept secret, the House shall, in like manner, be cleared, till the the communication be made; the House shall then determine, whether the matter communicated, requires secrecy or not, and take order accordingly.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 30th, 1793.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I communicate to you the translation of a letter received from the Representatives of Spain here, in reply to that of the Secretary of State to them, of the twenty-first instant, which had before been communicated to you.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and communication were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom were referred the confidential communications from the President, respecting the transactions of the Government of the United States with Spain, be discharged from further proceeding on the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again

had the said communications under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said communications.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

A petition of the Chief Clerks in several of the Executive Departments of the Government of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salaries allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Also, a petition of Daniel Byrnes, of New Windsor, in the State of New York, praying compensation for the value of a quantity of wheat flour, and other articles of provision, which were taken for the use of the American Army, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Robert Horner, of York county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the use of a wagon and team, which were taken into the service of the United States, in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Also, a petition of Eliphalet Thorp, praying that he may receive an allowance for rations due him as a Captain in the seventh Massachusetts regiment of the Continental Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making an alteration in the flag of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 30th, 1793.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I now transmit you a report by the Secretary of State, of such laws, decrees, and ordinances, or their substance, respecting commerce in the countries with which the United States have commercial intercourse, as he has received, and had not stated in his report of the sixteenth instant.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and report were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said communications under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said communications.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 30, 1793.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you, for your consideration, a letter from the Secretary of State, informing me of certain impediments which have arisen to the coinage of the precious metals at the Mint.

As also, a letter from the same officer, relative to certain advances of money, which have been made on public account: Should you think proper to sanction what has been done, or be of opinion that any thing more shall be done in the same way, you will judge whether there are not circumstances which would render secrecy expedient.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and letters being read,

Ordered, That so much thereof as relates to the impediments which have arisen to the coinage of the precious metals, at the Mint, be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Niles; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That such other parts of the said message and letters, as relate to certain advances of money, which have been made on public account, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1794.

Two other members, to wit: Uriah Forest and Thomas Sprigg, from Maryland, appeared; produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 31st, 1793.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I now lay before you a letter from the Secretary of State, with his account of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for our intercourse with foreign nations, from the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, to the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; and other papers relating thereto.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the message received yesterday, from the President of the United States, accompanying a report from the Secretary of State, of the substance of such laws, decrees, and ordinances, respecting commerce in the countries with which the United States have commercial intercourse, as he has received since his report of the sixteenth instant, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued, for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines.

A memorial of Lewis I. Costigin, formerly a Lieutenant in the first New Jersey regiment of the American army, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered, and losses and injuries sustained during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial, together with the petition of Eliphalet Thorp, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Daniel Parker, of the county of Middlesex, in the State of Massachusetts, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying to be relieved against the losses he sustained, under a contract entered into in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, for the supply of the Continental army with provisions, during the whole of the said year; which contract was terminated in a few months after it was entered into, by the unexpected event of the treaty of peace, and the consequent disbanding of the army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Thomas Claxton, assistant doorkeeper, was presented to the House and read, praying some compensation or allowance for the services of a laborer, to perform the menial duties of his office.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A memorial of William Patterson, Samuel Sterrett, and Gustavus Scott, the committee appointed by the Legislature of Maryland to draw for, and distribute the moneys granted by that State for the relief of the French emigrants from the island of St. Domingo, was presented to the House and read, stating that their funds are nearly exhausted, and praying the relief and aid of Congress in the premises.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Rutherford, and Mr. Smilie; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the said communications under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said communications.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2.

Two other members, to wit, from Virginia, Isaac Coles, and from North Carolina, William Barry Grove, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A memorial of Nicholas Rieb, of the city of Philadelphia, cordwainer, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as an artificer in Colonel Benjamin Flower's regiment of artillery; and also, that he may receive the pay and emoluments due to his son Peter Rieb, a soldier in the same corps, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Gilbert; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Adam Polander was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3.

The House proceeded to consider the memorial of Thomas Claxton, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to pay (out of the money appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of the House) the sum of one dollar per day, for the services of a runner, and eighty cents per day, for a laborer, during the time such persons shall be employed, with the approbation of the Speaker, to assist the door-keepers.

A petition of David Turner was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of injuries sustained whilst a soldier in Colonel James Miles's regiment of the American army, during the late war, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Adam Polander, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. William Smith, from the Standing Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the certificates and other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, made a further report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the report of the Secretary of State, on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States, in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday se'nnight, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to this House a comparative view of the tonnage employed in the trade between the United States and foreign countries, for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two: Also, that he report the

actual tonnage of vessels of the United States, employed in one year, between the United States and foreign countries.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6.

Another member, to wit: James Gillespie, from North Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Jesse Raymond, of Norwalk, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain Continental Loan Office certificates, the property of the petitioner, which were taken by the enemy, or otherwise lost or destroyed, some time in the month of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions.

A petition of Peter Haas was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrears of pay, and other emoluments due for his services as a corporal, in the second Pennsylvania regiment, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for completing and better supporting the Military Establishment of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, do lie on the table.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and what, alteration ought to be made in the ration now allowed to the troops of the United States; and that Mr. Irvine, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Heister, be the said committee.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew G. Fraunces, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said report be put off till to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7.

A petition of Thomas Hopkins, of Portland, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the impost laws of the United States, as imposes a duty on twine and packthread imported into the United States, may be amended; and that the importation of all such foreign twine and packthread, manufactured into nets and seines, be prohibited.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries.

A petition of William Smith, of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed to fund certain Continental Loan Office certificates, which were issued in the State of Georgia, some difficulty in receiving them having arisen with the Comptroller of the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Carnes, Mr. Mebane, and Mr. Hindman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Jeremiah Nicols, Collector for the District of Chester, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the com-

compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be augmented, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Andrew Graydon, Chief Clerk in the office of the Treasurer of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a salary equal to that which is allowed the Chief Clerks in the other departments.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *January 7, 1794.*

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you an official statement of the expenditure to the end of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, from the sum of ten thousand dollars, granted to defray the contingent expenses of Government, by an act passed on the twenty-sixth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and statement were read, and ordered to lie on the table,

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *January 7, 1794.*

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

Experience has shown that it would be useful to have an officer particularly charged, under the direction of the Department of War, with the duties of receiving, safe-keeping, and distributing, the public supplies, in all cases, in which the laws and the course of service, do not devolve them upon other officers; and also, with that of superintending, in all cases, the issues in detail of supplies, with power, for that purpose, to bring to account all persons entrusted to make such issues, in relation thereto. An establishment of this nature, by securing a regular and punctual accountability for the issues of public supplies, would be a great guard against abuse, would tend to ensure their due application, and to give public satisfaction on that point.

I therefore recommend to the consideration of Congress the expediency of an establishment of this nature, under such regulations as shall appear to them advisable.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the committee appointed on Thursday last, on the subject of the Algerine communications, that they prepare and report to the House an estimate of the expense that will be requisite to place the principal seaports and harbors of the United States in a state of defence.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, which was made on the twenty-third ultimo, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the petition of Stephen Sayre, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Trumbull, from the committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making an alteration in the flag of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed by the House, so far as relates to the resolutions agreed to on Thursday last, on the subject of the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Christopher Greenup,
Samuel Griffin,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
John Hunter,
William Irvine,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,

James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Beaty,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clarke,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Hillhouse,
Samuel Holten,

Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Mathew Locke,
Francis Malbone,
Alexander Mebane,
Joseph Neville,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Paine Wingate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Irvine, from the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alteration ought to be made in the ration now allowed to the troops of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Peter Muhlenberg and Mr. New be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as shall be appointed for that purpose, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table. The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have appointed Mr. Vining, on their part, of the Committee for Enrolled Bills. And then he withdrew.

A petition of Lucy Clark, widow of Thomas Clark, deceased, late of the County of Prince George, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the services of the deceased, as a Director of Artificers at Petersburg and Staunton, in the said State ; also, that she may be reimbursed a certain sum of money which has been recovered by a suit instituted in the County Court of Prince George, against the estate of the deceased, for the hire of a negro man employed in public service, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Harrison, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Bailey; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Thomas Kincade was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrears of pay and other emoluments due for the services of Samuel Young, as a soldier in Colonel Armand's legion of the American Army, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Thomas Kelly, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained, whilst in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of a number of Germans, residing in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniences to which they are subjected, from an entire ignorance of the English language, and praying that a certain proportion of the laws of the United States may be printed in the German language.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making an alteration in the flag of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House on Monday last, to the bill for completing and better supporting the military establishment of the United States : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be re-committed to Mr. Beatty, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Van Gaasbeck.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Comfort Sands and others, which was made on the eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day fortnight.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be re-committed to Mr. Giles, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Clark.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present,

for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making an alteration in the flag of the United States."

The House proceeded to consider the report made by the Standing Committee of Elections on the third instant; and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

A petition of Anna Latta, widow, and James Latta, administrator of Robert Latta, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the use of a wagon and team employed in the service of the United States, during the late war, of which compensation they have been hitherto deprived by the operation of the acts of limitation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Taylor, Junior, Chief Clerk in the Department of State, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salary allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of the other Chief Clerks in the Executive Departments of Government, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Madison, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Griffin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Sarah Parker, of Chelmsford, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that some relief may be granted for the support of herself and a large family of children, being the widow and orphans of Lieutenant Colonel Moses Parker, who was wounded and made prisoner by the British troops at the battle of Charlestown, in the month of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and afterwards died of his wounds, in the gaol in Boston.

Also, a petition of Catharine Myler, widow of Robert Myler, deceased, late a soldier in the flying camp, praying relief, in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was taken prisoner by the enemy at Fort Washington, and died in captivity, some time in the month of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Also, a petition of Joseph How, of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments of an ensign in the Army of the United States, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of James Smith and William Smith, of the County of Liberty, in the State of Georgia, in behalf of themselves and the heirs of James Smith, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of the loss of certain slaves, the property of the petitioners, which were taken by a party of the Creek Indians, subsequent to the treaty of peace entered into between the United States and the said Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Kittera, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Williams; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House, on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That, for the expenditure of the civil list of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, together with the incidental and contingent expenses of the several departments, and offices thereof, there be appropriated the several sums of money following, to wit:

For compensation to the President of the United States,	\$25,000 00	
That of the Vice-President,	5,000 00	
		\$30,000 00
Compensation to the Chief Justice,	4,000 00	
Ditto of five Associate Judges, at \$3,500 per annum each,	17,500 00	

Compensation of the Judges of the following districts, viz :

Maine, - - - - -	\$1,000 00
New Hampshire, - - - - -	1,000 00
Vermont, - - - - -	800 00
Massachusetts, - - - - -	1,200 00
Rhode Island, - - - - -	800 00
Connecticut, - - - - -	1,000 00
New York, - - - - -	1,500 00
New Jersey, - - - - -	1,000 00
Pennsylvania, - - - - -	1,600 00
Delaware, - - - - -	800 00
Maryland, - - - - -	1,500 00
Virginia, - - - - -	1,800 00
Kentucky, - - - - -	1,000 00
North Carolina, - - - - -	1,500 00
South Carolina, - - - - -	1,800 00
Georgia, - - - - -	1,500 00
Attorney General, - - - - -	1,900 00
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	\$43,200 00

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AND THEIR OFFICERS.Compensation to the Members of Congress, estimating the
attendance of the whole number for six months:

Speaker of the House of Representatives, at twelve dollars per day, - - - - -	2,190 00
One hundred and thirty-four members, at six dollars per day, -	146,730 00
Travelling expenses to and from the Seat of Government, -	25,000 00
Secretary of the Senate, for one year's salary, 1,500 00	
Additional allowance estimated for six months, at two dollars per day, - - - - -	365 00
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	1,865 00
Principal Clerk to the Secretary of the Senate, for 365 days, at 3 dollars per day, - - - - -	1,095 00
Two Engrossing Clerks to do. at 2 dollars per day, each, for 365 days, - - - - -	1,460 00
Chaplain to the Senate, estimated for six months, at 500 per annum, - - - - -	250 00
Doorkeeper to the Senate, one year's salary, - - - - -	500 00
Assistant Doorkeeper do. do. - - - - -	450 00
Clerk to the House of Representatives, one year's salary, - - - - -	1,500 00
Additional allowance, estimated for six months, at two dollars per day, - - - - -	365 00
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	1,865 00
Principal Clerk in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for 365 days, at three dollars per day, -	1,095 00
Two Engrossing Clerks, at two dollars per day, each, for 365 days, - - - - -	1,460 00
Chaplain to the House of Representatives, estimated for six months, at 500 dollars per annum, - - - - -	250 00
Sergeant-at-Arms for same time, at four dollars per day, -	730 00
Doorkeeper to the House of Representatives, one year's salary, - - - - -	500 00
Assistant Doorkeeper do. do. - - - - -	450 00
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	185,890 00

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Secretary of the Treasury, - - - - -	3,500 00
Two Principal Clerks, at 800 dollars each, - - - - -	1,600 00
Five Clerks, at 500 dollars, each, - - - - -	2,500 00
Messenger and Office Keeper, - - - - -	250 00
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	7,850 00

Comptroller of the Treasury, - - -	\$2,650 00	
Principal Clerk, - - -	800 00	
Thirteen Clerks at 500 dollars each, - -	6,500 00	
Messenger and Office Keeper, - - -	250 00	
	<hr/>	10,200 00
Treasurer, - - -	2,400 00	
Principal Clerk, - - -	600 00	
Two Clerks, at 500 dollars each, - -	1,000 00	
Messenger and Office Keeper, - - -	100 00	
	<hr/>	4,100 00
Auditor of the Treasury, - - -	2,400 00	
Principal Clerk, - - -	800 00	
Fourteen Clerks, at 500 dollars each, -	7,000 00	
Salary of the Messenger, - - -	250 00	
	<hr/>	10,450 00
Commissioner of the Revenue, - - -	2,400 00	
Principal, and six other Clerks, on the business of the revenue, light-houses, general returns, and statements, &c. - - -	3,500 00	
Messenger and Office Keeper, - - -	250 00	
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Register of the Treasury, - - -	2,000 00	
Three Clerks on the impost, tonnage, and ex- cise accounts, - - -	1,500 00	
Two ditto on the books and records relative to the receipts and expenditures of public mo- neys, - - -	1,000 00	
Two ditto on the duties assigned to the Regis- ter, by the acts concerning the registering and recording, enrolling and licensing, ships or vessels, - - -	1,000 00	
Three ditto for drawing out, checking, and issu- ing, and taking receipts for certificates of the domestic and assumed debts, - - -	1,500 00	
Three ditto on the books of the general and par- ticular loan offices, comprehending the in- terest accounts, and unclaimed dividends, at the several loan offices, - - -	1,500 00	
Six ditto on the books and records which relate to the public creditors, on the several de- scriptions of stock and transfers, - - -	3,000 00	
Two ditto on the books and records of regis- tered debt, including the payment of its in- terest, - - -	1,000 00	
One ditto to complete the arrangement of the public securities in books prepared for their reception in numerical order, - - -	500 00	
Two ditto on the books of the late Govern- ment, - - -	1,000 00	
One Transcribing Clerk, - - -	500 00	
Two Office Keepers, incident to the several of- fices of record, at 250 dollars per annum each, - - -	500 00	
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		53,750 00

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The Secretary of State, - - -	3,500 00	
Chief Clerk, - - -	800 00	
Four Clerks, at 500 dollars each, - -	2,000 00	
Clerk for foreign languages, - - -	250 00	
Office Keeper and Messenger, - - -	250 00	
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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Director of the Mint,	-	-	2,000 00	
Assayer,	-	-	1,500 00	
Chief Coiner,	-	-	1,500 00	
Engraver,	-	-	1,200 00	
Treasurer,	-	-	1,200 00	
Three Clerks, at 500 dollars each,	-	-	1,500 00	
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For defraying the expense of workmen,	-	-	3,385 00	
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				19,085 00

DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

The Secretary of the Department,	-	-	3,000 00	
Principal clerk,	-	-	800 00	
Six clerks, at \$500 each,	-	-	3,000 00	
Messenger and office keeper,	-	-	250 00	
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Accountant of the War Department,	-	-	1,200 00	
Seven clerks, at \$500 each,	-	-	3,500 00	
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				11,750 00

LOAN OFFICERS.

For New Hampshire	-	-	-	650 00
Massachusetts	-	-	-	1,500 00
Rhode Island	-	-	-	600 00
Connecticut	-	-	-	1,000 00
New York	-	-	-	1,500 00
New Jersey	-	-	-	700 00
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	1,500 00
Delaware	-	-	-	600 00
Maryland	-	-	-	1,000 00
Virginia	-	-	-	1,500 00
North Carolina	-	-	-	1,000 00
South Carolina	-	-	-	1,000 00
Georgia	-	-	-	700 00
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				13,250 00

GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN TERRITORY.

District Northwest of the River Ohio.

Governor, for his salary as such, and for discharging the duties of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Northern Department,	-	-	-	2,000 00
The Secretary of the said District,	-	-	-	750 00
Three Judges, at \$800 each	-	-	-	2,400 00
Stationery, office rent, &c.	-	-	-	350 00

District Southwest of the River Ohio.

Governor, for his salary as such, and for discharging the duties of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Southern Department,	-	-	-	2,000 00
Secretary of said district,	-	-	-	750 00
Three Judges, at \$800 each	-	-	-	2,400 00
Stationery, office rent, &c.	-	-	-	350 00
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				11,000 00

PENSIONS GRANTED BY THE LATE GOVERNMENT.

Isaac Van Voert,	} Each a pension of \$200 per annum, pursuant to an act of Congress of 23d November, 1780,	
John Paulding,		
David Williams,		600 00
Dominique L'Eglise, per act of Congress of 8th Aug. 1792,		120 00
Joseph Traverse, per do		120 00
Youngest children of the late Major General Warren, per act of the 1st July, 1780,		450 00

Samuel McKenzie,	} Per act of 10th September, 1783, en- titled to a pension of \$40 each per annum,	}	120 00
Joseph Brussells,			
John Jordon,			
Eliz. Bergen, per act of 21st August, 1781	-	-	53 33
Joseph De Beauleau, per act of 5th August, 1782	-	-	100 00
Richard Gridley, per acts of 17th November, 1775, and 26th February, 1781	-	-	444 40
Lieut. Colonel Tousard, per act of 27th October, 1788	-	-	360 00
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GRANT TO BARON STEUBEN.

His annual allowance, per act of Congress	-	-	2,500 00
Annual allowance to the widow and orphan children of Colonel John Harding, per act of 27th February, 1793,	-	-	450 00
Also, to the orphan children of Major Alexander Truman, per same act	-	-	300 00
Annual allowance for the education of Hugh Mercer, son of the late Major General Mercer, per act dated 2d March, 1793	-	-	400 00
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			3,650 00

*For the Incidental and Contingent Expenses re-
lative to the Civil List Establishment.*

Under this head are comprehended fire wood, stationery, together with printing work, and all the contingent expenses of the two Houses of Congress, rent and office expenses of the three several Departments, viz: Treasury, State, and War, and also for the Mint of the United States.

Secretary of the Senate, his estimate	-	3,000 00
Clerk to the House of Representatives, his do.	-	7,000 00
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		10,000 00

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Secretary of the Treasury, per estimate	-	500 00
Comptroller of the Treasury, per do.	-	800 00
Treasurer, per do.	-	400 00
Commissioner of the Revenue, per do.	-	300 00
Auditor of the Treasury, per do.	-	500 00
Register of the Treasury (including books for the public stocks,) per do.	-	2,000 00
Rent of the Treasury	-	650 00
Ditto, of a house taken for a part of the office of the Register	-	240 00
Ditto, of a house for the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, and for part of the office of the Comptroller, and part of the office of the Auditor	-	266 66
Ditto, of a house for the office of the Auditor, and a small store for public papers	-	440 00
Wood for the Department (Treasurer's excepted) candles, &c.	-	1,200 00
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		7,296 66

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Including the expense which will attend the publication of the Laws of the First Session of the Third Congress, and for printing an edition of the same, to be distribut- ed according to law	-	-	2,061 67
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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Director estimates for the several expenses of the Mint, including the pay of a Refiner, when employed, for gold, silver, and copper, and for the completion of the melting furnaces	-	-	2,700 00
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DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

Secretary of War, per statement	800 00		
Accountant to the War Department	400 00		
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The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That, for making good deficiencies for the support of the Civil List Establishment; for aiding the fund appropriated for certain officers of the court, jurors, and witnesses; for the support of light-houses, and for other purposes, there be appropriated the several sums of money following, to wit:

To make good deficiencies for the support of the Civil List, for the year 1793.

Extra Clerk hire, in the office of the Secretary of State, in preparing documents for Congress	600		
For an index to the Laws of the Second Congress	200		
	<hr/>	800 00	
The Secretary of War estimates, to make good so much short estimated for contingent expenses for the year 1793			205 76
Additional compensation from 1st October, 1793, to 31st December following, to certain public officers, by act passed the 2d March, 1793.			
Auditor of the Treasury, at 500 dollars per annum	125 00		
Commissioner of the Revenue, ditto	125 00		
Comptroller of the Treasury, ditto	62 50		
Register of the Treasury, ditto	62 50		
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			1,380 76

Clerks of Courts, Jurors, Witnesses, etc.

The fund arising from fines, forfeitures, and penalties, having last year proved insufficient for the discharge of the accounts of Clerks, &c. to which they were appointed, a sum for the present year is estimated, in order to provide against a similar contingency, of			12,000 00
For the maintenance and support of light-houses, beacons, public piers, and stakeage of channels, bars, and shoals, and for occasional improvements in the construction of lanterns, and of the lamps and materials used therein		20,000 00	
To make good a deficiency in the estimate for 1792, for the same objects		4,000 00	
		<hr/>	24,000 00
For the expenses towards the safe-keeping and prosecution of persons committed for offences against the United States			4,000 00
For the purchase of hydrometers for the use of the officers of the Customs, and Inspectors of the Revenue, for the year 1794			1,500 00

For the coinage of Copper at the Mint of the United States.

To replace so much advanced at the Bank of the United States, for the purpose of an importation of copper, under the superintendence of the Director of the Mint,	10,000 00		
To pay for copper purchased in the year 1793	7,350 00		
For the purchase of ditto, 1794	7,350 00		
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Arrearages of pension due to the widow and orphan children of Colonel John Harding.

For their allowance from 1st July, 1792, to the 31st December, 1793, per act of Congress, dated 27th February, 1793, at 450 dollars per annum 675 00

Arrearages of pension due the orphan children of Major Alexander Truman.

For their allowance from 1st July, 1792, to the 31st December, 1793, per act of Congress, dated 27th February, 1793, at 300 dollars per annum 450 00
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For the indemnification of the estate of the late Major General Greene, for a certain bond entered into by him, during the late war, upon the principles of the act of Congress for that purpose, dated 27th April, 1792.

For a balance stated by the Auditor of the Treasury, to be due to said estate, in which is included interest due on bonds from their dates, to 12th April, 1793 53,187 67

To defray the expense incident to the stating and printing the public accounts for the year 1793, in compliance with the order of the House of Representatives, of the 30th December, 1791 800 00

For the discharge of such demands against the United States, not otherwise provided for, as shall have been ascertained and admitted in due course of settlement at the Treasury, and which are of a nature according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie 5,000 00

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Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and the resolution for the expenditure of the Civil List; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Gillespie, do prepare and bring the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury do furnish the House with a general statement of the nature of such expenses, extracted from the accounts of the Commissioners of Loans, on which the estimate of forty thousand dollars is founded, as contained in his report of the twenty-third of December last.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed to select such parts of the President's communications, respecting the Regency of Algiers, as his letter, accompanying the said communications, suggests it would be proper to keep secret, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the seventh instant, respecting the appointment of an officer for receiving, safe-keeping, and distributing, the public supplies, under the direction of the War Department, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Hartley, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Swift; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Patterson, Samuel Sterrett, and Gustavus Scott, the committee appointed by the Legislature of Maryland to draw and distribute the moneys granted by that State, for the relief of the French emigrants from the Island of St. Domingo, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

A petition of John M'Chesney and others, prisoners taken by the enemy at Quebec, Long Island, and Fort Washington, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the pay and emoluments to which they are entitled by several resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Gil-

bert; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Manning, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of a statement of the actual tonnage of American vessels employed in the commerce between the United States and foreign countries, for one year, ending the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, pursuant to the order of this House, of the third instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States, in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act making an alteration in the flag of the United States." And then he withdrew.

A petition of James Gamble, Deputy Commissary General in the Northern Department, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying that an allowance may be made, in the settlement of his account, for a certain sum of money, which he received for public use, and was stolen out of a storehouse, in which it was deposited, on the night of the twenty-first March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Carey was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered and injuries received in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of William Shepherd, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in an engagement with the Indians, at Point Pleasant, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Daniel Parker; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

A petition of Lieutenant Colonel Tousard was presented to the House and read, praying that such a sum of money may be paid him, in lieu of the pension during life, granted by a resolution of the late Congress, as may be deemed equitable and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Learned; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Philip Audebert and others, Clerks in the War Office, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salaries allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be augmented, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Madison, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Griffin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Watts, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Hancock, and Mr. Locke, be added to the committee to whom are referred the several petitions of the Clerks in the Executive Departments of Government.

A petition of Jacob Milligan, of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained; as an officer in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution, proposing to the several States the following article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to wit: "The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States, by citizens of another State, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign State;" to which resolution they desire the concurrence of this House, in the mode prescribed by the Constitution of the United States. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States, in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 15th January, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you, as being connected with the correspondence already in your possession, between the Secretary of State and the Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic, the copy of a letter from that Minister, of the twenty-fifth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; and a copy of the proceedings of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed to examine the laws of the United States, and report to the House such as have expired, or will expire before the next session, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the petition of Ephraim Kimberly, which was made on the eighteenth of February last; and, the same being read,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Smilie, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

The resolution sent from the Senate, "proposing to the several States an article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States respecting the judicial power," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of the Inspectors of the Revenue at the port of New York was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allow-

ed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Matthews and Elijah Bodwell was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the balance of an account for erecting a stockade fort, with blockhouses, at the settlement of Gallipolis, on the Northwest side of the Ohio, for the use of the Army; also, that they may receive compensation for a quantity of powder and lead furnished a party of militia in the service of the United States, some time in the month of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 16th January, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I transmit, for your information, certain intelligence lately received from Europe, as it relates to the subject of my past communications.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of the expenses of the Commissioners of Loans, on which the estimate of forty thousand dollars is founded, made pursuant to the order of the tenth instant; which were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

A memorial of Andrew G. Fraunces, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be furnished with an official copy of the proceedings on the subject of his memorial, presented the nineteenth ultimo, and that the House will speedily determine on the legality of his claim for the payment of certain warrants issued by the late Board of Treasury.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of John Bryant was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services as a soldier in the fifteenth Virginia regiment, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Beatty, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill for completing, and better supporting, the military establishment of the United States, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to examine the articles in which the present estimate exceeds the appropriations and actual settlements of preceding years; and that they report the causes, with their opinion of the expediency of such excess.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Forest, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Neville.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Daniel Parker: Whereupon,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether Daniel Parker and Company have any equitable or other claim to a deduction from the balance on the public books, against them, and report specially thereon to the House.

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Ames, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Wingate.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew G. Fraunces, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20.

A memorial of George Craghead, of the State of Delaware, in behalf of himself, and as attorney in fact for sundry officers and privates of militia, of the said State, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a quantity of clothing, arms, and military stores, which were taken from a vessel belonging to the enemy, and delivered to a detachment of the American Army under the command of General Smallwood, during the late war, of which they have been debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation. Also,

A memorial of Tristram Coffin, of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that compensation may be made for a schooner, the property of the memorialist, which was taken into the service of the United States, and burnt by the enemy some time in the month of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of the People called Quakers, at their yearly meeting held in Rhode Island, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt such measures as in their wisdom may be deemed expedient and effectual for the abolition of the slave trade.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A memorial of Martha Dow, widow and administratrix of Alexander Dow, deceased, late a Lieutenant in Colonel Malcolm's regiment of the Continental Army, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may receive the allowance of one year's full pay for the services of the deceased, to which she conceives herself justly entitled, by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed to report to this House the naval force adequate to the protection of the commerce of the United States against the Algerine corsairs, together with an estimate of the expense, and the ways and means for defraying the same, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President be requested to direct the Secretary of State to examine whether, among the papers relative to Great Britain by him laid before the House, a letter from Mr. Jefferson to Mr. Hammond, of the fifth December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, has not been omitted; and, if so, to cause the same, or so much thereof as he shall think proper, to be laid before the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Holten be a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Kittera, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Smith and William Smith, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Gilman, Mr. Watts, Mr. Orr, Mr. Patton, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Israel Smith, be added to the committee appointed to report to this House the naval force adequate to the protection of the commerce of the United States against the Algerine corsairs, together with an estimate of the expense, and the ways and means for defraying the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for completing and better supporting the military establishment of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *January 20th, 1794.*

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

Having already laid before you a letter of the sixteenth of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, from the Secretary of State to our Minister at Paris, stating the conduct, and urging the recall, of the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of France, I now communicate to you that his conduct has been unequivocally disapproved, and that the strongest assurances have been given that his recall should be expedited without delay.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee appointed to examine the articles in which the present estimate exceeds the appropriations and actual settlements of preceding years, and report the causes, with their opinion of the expediency of such excess, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying the copy of a letter to him from the Commissioner of the Revenue, stating the causes which have delayed the report on the revenue arising from spirits distilled within the United States, and from stills, required by the order of this House of the second of March last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.

A petition of several of the late officers and privates of the first Pennsylvania regiment, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered, and losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Catherine Myler, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Brown Foggo was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services as a midshipman and master's mate in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the memorial of the People called Quakers, at their yearly meeting, held in Rhode Island, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Ward, Mr. Giles, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Grove; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Venable, from the committee appointed to inquire into and report a state of facts respecting sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States, and their opinion on the propriety of remitting the foreign tonnage thereon, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday, by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill for completing and better supporting the military establishment of the United States: Whereupon,

The first amendment, to strike out the second section, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second amendmest, to strike out the last section, in the words following, to wit:
"And be it further enacted, That ——— year's half-pay shall be allowed to all commissioned officers, who shall serve for a term not less than three years, and until the Army shall be discharged," was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House—
 Yeas 64, nays 24.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Thomas Blount,
 Elias Boudinot,
 Shearjashub Bourne,
 Benjamin Bourne,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Abraham Clark,
 Peleg Coffin,
 Joshua Coit,
 William J. Dawson,
 Jonathan Dayton,
 George Dent,
 Samuel Dexter,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Dwight Foster,
 William B. Giles,
 James Gillespie,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 James Gordon,
 William Barry Grove,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 John Heath,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Hillhouse,
 Samuel Holten,
 John Hunter,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Amasa Learned,
 Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,

Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 Francis Malbone,
 Joseph M'Dowell,
 Alexander Mebane,
 William Montgomery,
 Andrew Moore,
 William Vans Murray,
 Joseph Neville,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Nathaniel Niles,
 Josiah Parker,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Francis Preston,
 John Smilie,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Israel Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Francis Walker,
 Artemas Ward,
 Benjamin Williams,
 Paine Wingate,
 Richard Winn, and
 Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 James Armstrong,
 John Beatty,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 David Cobb,
 Henry Dearborn,
 Uriah Forest,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Henry Glen,
 Thomas Hartley,
 William Hindman,
 William Irvine,

Richard Bland Lee,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Thomas Scott,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Uriah Tracey,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
 John Watts.

The other amendment, reported by the Committee of the Whole House, was further amended at the Clerk's table, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The House then proceeded further to amend the said bill, at the Clerk's table; and on a motion made and seconded, to add to the end thereof, the following section, by way of amendment, to wit:

"And be it further enacted, That, if any officer shall die by reason of wounds, or otherwise, while in the service of the United States, and shall leave a widow, or if no widow, shall leave a child or children, under age, such widow, or if no widow, such child or children, shall be entitled to, and receive the half of the monthly pay, to which

the deceased was entitled, at the time of his death, for and during the term of _____ years; and in case of the death or intermarriage of such widow, before the expiration of the said term of _____ years, the half-pay, for the remainder of the term, shall go to the support of the child or children of such deceased officer, while under the age of sixteen years; and, in like manner, the allowance to the child or children of such deceased, where there is no widow, shall be paid no longer than while there is a child or children under the age aforesaid: *Provided*, That no greater sum shall be allowed, in any case, to the widow, or to the child or children of any officer, than the half-pay of a Lieutenant Colonel."

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 54,
 { Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Uriah Forest,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
Samuel Griffin,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
William Hindman,
John Hunter.

William Irvine,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
William Lyman,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
John Nicholas,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
John Watts,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Peleg Coffin,
Dwight Foster,
Andrew Gregg,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,
Samuel Holten,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon.

Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Andrew Moore,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Francis Walker,
Artemas Ward,
Benjamin Williams, and
Paine Wingate.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, January 21st, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

It is with satisfaction I announce to you, that the alterations which have been made by law, in the original plan for raising a duty on spirits distilled within the United States, and on stills, co-operating with better information, have had a considerable influence, in obviating the difficulties which have embarrassed that branch of the public revenue. But the obstacles which have been experienced, though lessened, are not yet entirely surmounted, and it would seem that some farther legislative provisions may usefully be super-added; which leads me to recall the attention of Congress to the subject. Among the matters which may demand regulation, is the effect, in point of organization, produced by the separation of Kentucky from the State of Virginia; and the situation, with regard to the law, of the Territories Northwest and Southwest of the Ohio.

The laws respecting light-house establishments require, as a condition of their permanent maintenance, at the expense of the United States, a complete cession of soil and jurisdiction. The cessions of different States having been qualified with a reservation of the right of serving legal process within the ceded jurisdiction, are understood to be inconclusive, as annexing a qualification not consonant with the terms of the law. I present this circumstance to the view of Congress, that they may judge whether any alteration ought to be made.

As it appears to be conformable with the intention of the "ordinance for the Government of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio," although it is not expressly directed that the laws of that Territory should be laid before Congress, I now transmit to you a copy of such as have been passed from July to December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, inclusive; being the last which have been received by the Secretary of State.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22.

An engrossed bill for completing, and better supporting, the military establishment of the United States, was read the third time.

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Beatty, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Van Gaasbeck.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday se'nnight.

A petition of John Robbe, of the State of New Hampshire, late a serjeant in General Starke's Brigade, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds and injuries received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of the manufacturers of paint, in the towns of Baltimore and Alexandria, was presented to the House and read, praying that the duties imposed on dry paints, imported into the United States, may be taken off, and equivalent duties laid on foreign paints, ground in oil. Also,

A petition of the dealers in oil and painters' colors, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the duties on dry paints may be so reduced, as to afford encouragement for grinding them within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing the copy of a letter from Mr. Jefferson to Mr. Hammond, dated fifth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, transmitted pursuant to a resolution of this House, of the twentieth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Lucy Clark, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to report the expediency of establishing a

light house on the Island of Seguin, at the mouth of the River Kennebeck, in the District of Maine; and that Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Tracey, be the said committee.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, communicating farther information from James Seagrove, Agent of Indian Affairs in the Southern Department, relative to a peace with the Creek Indians; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States, in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 22d January, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I forward to you extracts from the last advices from our Minister in London, as being connected with communications already made.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to inquire into, and report a state of facts, respecting sundry French vessels, which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States, and their opinion on the propriety of remitting the foreign tonnage thereon, and made some progress therein.

Mr. Beatty, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill for completing, and better supporting the military establishment of the United States, reported several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

An engrossed bill for completing, and better supporting the military establishment of the United States, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for completing, and better supporting the military establishment of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Jacob Johnston, of the county of Luzerne, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and injuries sustained in his person and property, by a party of Indians and Tories, under the command of Colonel John Butler, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Heister, Mr. Peleg Wadsworth, and Mr. Niles; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Jonathan Titcomb, of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as Brigadier General of Militia of the said State; also, that some allowance may be made for his time and services, while employed in purchasing sundry articles of provision and clothing, for the use of the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State, on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States, in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that

the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24.

Ordered, That the letter from the Governor of Kentucky, enclosing a representation from the Legislature of the said State, respecting an adjustment of a claim of that State, against the United States, for the expense of certain expeditions against the Indians, which were laid before the House on the twenty-third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of James Guy, of Iredell county, in the State of North Carolina, Executor of John M'Cafferty, deceased, late a soldier in the third regiment of the South Carolina line, in behalf of himself and others, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims, for services rendered in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of John Staples, late a Sergeant in Captain William Brown's company of Artillery, in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a balance due him for military services rendered during the late war, which he conceives has been unjustly detained from him, by the commanding Officer of the said Company.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States, in foreign Countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

A petition of William Dewees, of the county of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a dwelling house and other property of the petitioner, which were burnt, or otherwise destroyed by the enemy during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of James Guy, Executor of John M'Cafferty, deceased, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Preston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Seth Hawes, Solomon Hawes, and Dan Hall, executors of Pelatiah Hawes, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for property taken for the use of the American Army, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of Joseph Travis, and of John Henry Mynard, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the Commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

A petition of William Frederick Ast, merchant, of the city of Richmond, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress to a discovery he has made, for securing property against fire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Giles, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, and Mr. Swift; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Daniel Graham and Philip Newhouse, late soldiers in the first Pennsylvania regiment of the Continental Army, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Brown, late of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, in behalf of himself and others, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the services of a volunteer Company of Militia, on an expedition against the Indians, under the command of colonel William Crawford, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and in which the petitioner received a wound, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor. Also,

A petition of Robert Lyon, praying compensation for his services in the Militia, and as a volunteer in Colonel Hartley's regiment, on several expeditions against the Indians, in one of which he was dangerously wounded and taken prisoner, in the neighborhood of Fort Jenkins, on the Northeast branch of the Susquehannah, the last day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Elisha Rice, of the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained, while a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Abner Gage, of the county of Cheshire, in the State of New Hampshire, late a private in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Stark, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound which he received at the battle of Bunker's Hill, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the act "to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," and report some provision in the case, where any judge of the Courts of the United States, is, or may, by sickness or other disqualifying cause, be, rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office also, some further provision concerning bail, process, and costs, in the courts of the United States; and generally to report such amendments to the said act, as they may deem necessary and constitutional, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the Commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.

A memorial of the delegates from the several societies formed in different parts of the United States, for promoting the abolition of slavery, in convention assembled, at Philadelphia, on the first instant, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress may adopt such measures as may be the most effectual and expedient for the abolition of the slave trade. Also,

A memorial of the Providence Society for abolishing the Slave-trade, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Ward, Mr. Giles,

Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Grove; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Absalom Baird, late a surgeon in Colonel Baldwin's regiment, was presented to the House and read, praying that the allowance of half-pay, and other emoluments granted to the medical staff, in the service of the United States, during the late war, may be extended to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Christie, Mr. Holten, and Mr. Learned; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Philip Peckham, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services in superintending the building and repairs of boats, employed by order of Major General Sullivan, for the use of the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Peter Gauvain and Louis Dubourg, in behalf of the French refugees of Cape François, now at Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will speedily decide on the memorial of the committee appointed by the Legislature of Maryland, to draw for, and distribute, the moneys granted by that State for the relief of the French emigrants from the island of St. Domingo.

Ordered, That the said petition be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House then, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding — dollars be appropriated for the support of such of the inhabitants of St. Domingo, resident within the United States, as shall be found in want of such support.

That a regular account of the moneys so expended be kept; and that the President of the United States be requested to obtain a credit therefor, in the accounts between the French Republic and the United States.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill in conformity with the foregoing resolution, and providing for the due application of the moneys aforesaid; and that Mr. Ames, Mr. Tracey, and Mr. Dent, be the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

A petition of Robert Bigham, of York county, in the State of Pennsylvania, executor of Thomas Arnor, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim, for services rendered and moneys advanced to the United States, by the deceased, as barrack master at York Town, in the said State, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William M'Hatton, late a Lieutenant of the Pennsylvania line, on continental establishment, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to return his commutation of half-pay, or a sum equivalent thereto, and be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received while in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the same report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Jenkins and Sons; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

A petition of William M'Kee, son of Andrew M'Kee, deceased, late of the county of New Castle, in the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a field of Indian corn, the property of the deceased, which was taken for the use of a detachment of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message, in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, January 30th, 1794.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you the copy of a letter from the Governor of the State of North Carolina, together with two petitions, to which it refers, and which I am requested, by the Legislature of that State, and himself, to transmit to Congress.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, January 30, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

Communications have been made to Congress, during the present session, with the intention of affording a full view of the posture of affairs on the Southwestern frontiers. By the information which has lately been laid before Congress, it appeared that the difficulties with the Creeks had been amicably and happily terminated. But it will be perceived, with regret, by the papers herewith transmitted, that the tranquillity has, unfortunately, been of short duration, owing to the murder of several friendly Indians by some lawless white men.

The condition of things, in that quarter, requires the serious and immediate consideration of Congress, and the adoption of such wise and vigorous laws, as will be competent to the preservation of the national character, and of the peace made under the authority of the United States, with the several Indian tribes. Experience demonstrates that the existing legal provisions are entirely inadequate to those great objects.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Forest, Mr. Pickens, Mr. Mebane, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Clark; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee

of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before this House an account of the moneys now in the Treasury, with an estimate of such further sums as may probably come into the Treasury before the first day of April next, and of the demands that will probably be made on the Treasury to that time; with a statement of the domestic loans.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Ames, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

A petition of Thomas Person, and others, proprietors of lands in the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying the attention of Congress to the subject-matter of a representation to, and certain proceedings of, the Legislature of North Carolina, respecting a claim of the petitioners to certain lands in the said territory.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Richard Dallam, late Deputy Paymaster General to the flying camp, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against the operation of two suits instituted against him in the District Court of Maryland, on behalf of the United States, for certain balances alleged to be due by him to the public; which balances, for the various reasons stated in the petition, the petitioner conceives he ought not now to be subjected to the payment of.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Christie, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Macon; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Samuel Aborn, of Warwick, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a balance due him for services rendered, and supplies furnished the Continental Army, at the post of Patuxet, in the said State, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Howell was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a negro man, eight muskets, and a quantity of corn meal, the property of the petitioner, which were taken for the use of a detachment of the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Jenkins and Sons, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Tredwell, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for completing and better supporting the Military Establishment of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

A petition of William Minns, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a dwelling-house, and other property of the petitioner, which were burnt, or otherwise destroyed, by a detachment of the American Army, some time in the month of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Peter Perrit, late a Captain in the Connecticut line of the Continental Army, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments granted to officers of the same rank; to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Smith, and others, settlers at the mouth of Short Creek, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying a pre-emption of land, for the purposes of a town, and to cover their respective settlements, on such terms as the wisdom of Congress shall deem expedient. Also,

A petition of John Bennet, late tenant of Dunks' Ferry, on the river Delaware, praying compensation for losses and injuries, in the rent and use of his said ferry, and other destruction of property, by the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Thomas Pearsall and Elijah Pell, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on the importation of house or hand-bellows, or such encouragement given to the manufacture of the said article in the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of the manufacturers of paint in the towns of Baltimore and Alexandria, and of the dealers in oil and painters' colors, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Hindman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Jabez Johnson, of Newark, in the State of New Jersey, mariner, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of sixteen cannon, which were taken for the use of the American Army, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dayton, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Van Cortlandt; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Winthrop Sargent; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Heath, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Montgomery; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Lucy Clark: Whereupon,

Resolved, That provision be made for paying to the petitioner the sum of two hundred and forty-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents, with interest thereon from the thirtieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, for the services of Thomas Clark, as Director of Artificers at the posts of Petersburg and Staunton, in the State of Virginia, during the late war. Also,

That the farther sum of one hundred and eight dollars and forty-six cents, with inter-

est thereon from the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be allowed to the petitioner, for the hire of a negro man, employed by the said Thomas Clark, in public service, during the same period.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Harrison, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Bailey, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

An engrossed bill providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Clark, of the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services, as Auditor of Accounts to the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

A petition of the Inspectors of the Revenue for the District of Boston and Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Joseph Salmon, of the county of Northumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a Captain in the militia of the said State, on an expedition against the Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Hancock, and Mr. Gillespie; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Patton,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Thomas Claiborne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,

Samuel Holten,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
William Vans Murray,
Jeremiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts,
Paine Wingate, and
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the thirtieth ultimo, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State; as also, the petitions of Thomas Person, and others, proprietors of lands in the territory South of the river Ohio, and of the trustees of the University of North Carolina, be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Blount, Mr. Carnes, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Preston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Tracey, from the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of the moneys now in the Treasury, with an estimate of such farther sums as may probably come into the Treasury, before the first of April next; and the demands that will probably be made on the Treasury to that time; with a state of the domestic loans, made pursuant to the order of the thirtieth of last month; which were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the act "to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," and report some provision in the case where any judge of the courts of the United States is, or may, by sickness or other disqualifying cause, be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office. Also, some further provision concerning bail, process, and costs, in the courts of the United States; and, generally, to report such amendments to the said act, as they may judge necessary and constitutional; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

A memorial of John Loehman was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and injuries sustained, while a surgeon in the hospital department, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Jacob Bacon, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, late a surgeon in the Navy of the United States, praying that the depreciation of pay, and other emoluments allowed to officers of the same rank, during the late war, may be extended to him. Also,

A petition of John Spoor, of the county of Otsego, in the State of New York, late an ensign in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's regiment, praying compensation for services rendered, and losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Patrick Jack, of Franklin county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that the title to a tract of land, fifteen miles square, on the South side of the Tennessee river, granted to the petitioner by the late province of North Carolina, the seventh of May, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, and which has since been ceded to the Cherokee Indians, by the United States, at a late treaty, may be restored to him, and himself and his friends permitted to settle thereon, with the consent of the said Indians. Also,

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Nine Mile and Baker's Creek, on the frontiers of the territory of the United States, South of the river Ohio, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Blount, Mr. Carnes, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Preston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Cogbill, of the county of Chesterfield, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a store-keeper, employed by George Elliott and Grissett Davis, Assistant Deputy Quartermasters General, at the post of Petersburg, in the said State, during the late war. Also,

A petition of William Keith, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that he may receive the proportion of prize-money due to him as a mariner on board the brig Lexington, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Thomas Perkins and Company, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be laid on the importation of nails, or such encouragement given to the manufacture of the said article within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Hindman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petitions of Robert Lyon, of Horatio Jones, and of George Brown, in behalf of himself and others, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Hancock, and Mr. Gillespie; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to select such part of the President's communications, respecting the Regency of Algiers, as his letter, accompanying the said communications, suggests it would be proper to be kept secret: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the communications made by the President to this House, respecting the Regencies of Algiers, Tripoli, and Tunis, be hereafter considered as public, except such parts thereof as were marked by the committee, to whom the same were referred, as proper to be kept secret.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Another member, to wit: John Page, from Virginia, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Jonathan Cilley, and others, late Ensigns of the first, second, and third

New Hampshire regiments, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the depreciation of pay due to them for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Charles Fierer, late a Captain of the Virginia State cavalry, praying that he may be allowed the commutation of half-pay, or such other compensation for his services, during the late war, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Richard Martin and Thomas Martin, of the county of Northumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, in behalf of themselves and others, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for their services in the militia of the said State, under the command of Colonel Samuel Hunter, on an expedition against the Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations, are necessary in the act, entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels." Also, in the act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same."

Also, in the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels."

And also, if any, and what, further legislative provision may be necessary for the securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas.

Ordered, That Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne, be a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Lieutenant Colonel Tousard, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *February 7th*, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I transmit to you an act and three ordinances, passed by the Government of the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, on the thirteenth and twenty-first of March, and seventh of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three. And also, certain letters from the Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic to the Secretary of State, enclosing despatches from the General and Extraordinary Commission of Guadaloupe.

G. WASHINGTON.

Ordered, That the said message and papers do lie on the table.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found to be in want of support," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

A petition of Rebecca Adams, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, widow of Joseph Adams, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may be allowed the pay, and other emoluments, due for the services of the deceased, as a Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States, during the late war, to which she conceives herself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress. Also,

A petition of Joseph Mansfield, of Litchfield, in the State of Connecticut, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained, while a Captain in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Honjost Dygert, and others, children and representatives of Warner Dygert, deceased, late a Captain in the militia of the State of New York, praying relief in consideration of the loss of their said father, who was killed in the actual service of the United States, on an expedition against the Indians, during the late war. Also,

The several petitions of the children, and other representatives of Nicholas Miller, of Henry Franck, and of John Miller, deceased, to the same effect. Also,

A petition of Charles Ewell, of the county of Prince William, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for his services in various departments of the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Nicholas Schuyler, of Lansingburg, in the State of New York, praying that an allowance may be made him for extra services as surgeon in Colonel Moses Hazen's regiment of the Continental Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of John Solomon, formerly timber merchant at Cape Francois, now residing in Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against the confiscation of a quantity of coffee, the property of the petitioner, which has been seized by the officers of the customs, at the port of Baltimore, for a violation of the laws of revenue.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of Abraham I. Van Alstyne, of Kinderhook, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a balance due to him for a quantity of bricks and boards furnished for the use of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Samuel Swann, of the City of Richmond, in behalf of himself and others, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on the importation of foreign coals, or such encouragement given to the opening of coal mines within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Hindman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Carnes, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Smith, of the town of Baltimore, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures for the War Department, from the first of July to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. William Smith, from the Standing Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Latimer, of the State of Delaware, complaining of an undue election and return of John Patton, to serve as a member of this House, for the said State, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to inquire into and report a state of facts respecting sundry French vessels, which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States, and their opinion on the propriety of remitting the foreign tonnage thereon: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the duties arising on the tonnage of the said vessels be remitted.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Venable, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Lyman, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

A petition of Edward Thompson was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the depreciation of pay due for his services as a soldier, in Colonel Moses Hazen's regiment of the Continental Army, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Robert Williams, Elisha Fuller, Benjamin Jackson, Leonard Bartholomew, Stephen Williams, David Allen, and Thomas Lyon, in behalf of themselves and others, praying compensation for their services as teamsters in the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of George Yearhouse, praying that he may receive a balance due to him for his services as an artificer in Captain Jesse Roe's company of the Continental Army, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Thomas, of Kent County, in the State of Maryland, praying that he may be allowed the depreciation of pay, and other emoluments, due for his services as a surgeon's mate, in the General Hospital of the United States, from the twenty-seventh of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, to the first of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress. Also,

A petition of sundry soldiers of the late Pennsylvania line of the Continental army, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that they may be allowed the depreciation of pay due to them for military services, rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Daniel Flin, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a private in Captain Stephen Ashby's company of the eighth Virginia regiment, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for extending the time for transmitting the oaths of absent owners of vessels, and for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Sons; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Venable, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Trumbull, from the committee to whom were referred the memorials of the People called Quakers, at their yearly meeting, held in Rhode Island, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; of the delegates from the several societies for promoting the abolition of slavery, in convention assembled at Philadelphia, on the first day of January last; and of the Providence Society for abolishing the slave trade, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed to prepare and report to this House, an estimate of the expense that will be requisite to place the principal sea ports and harbors of the United States in a state of defence, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Scott, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William De-wees, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

An engrossed bill for extending the time for transmitting the oaths of absent owners of vessels, and for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Sons, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Sons."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Frederick Ast, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels, which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be re-committed to Mr. Venable, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Lyman.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

A petition of Caleb Worley was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received while a Lieutenant of militia, in the actual service of the United States, on an expedition against the Indians, under the command of Brigadier General Harmer, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Robert Lyell, late a Captain in the third regiment of the South Carolina line, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the deprecia-

tion of pay, and other emoluments due to him for military services rendered to the United States during the late war. Also,

A petition of James Quarles and John Wynne, late soldiers in the same regiment, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Hartley, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Winn; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Severinus Koch, of the County of Montgomery, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore allowed him as a captain of militia in the actual service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Thomas Walley, William Tudor, William Payne, and John M'Lean, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on the importation of window glass, or such encouragement given to the manufacture of the said article within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Hindman, to whom were referred the several memorials and petitions of the manufacturers of paint, in the towns of Baltimore and Alexandria; of the dealers in oil and painters' colors; of Thomas Pearsall, and Elijah Pell; of Thomas Perkins and Company; and of Samuel Swann; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House: And that Mr. Dexter, Mr. Giles, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Page, be added to the said committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Smith be added to the committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Dallam.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Heath, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the memorial of Winthrop Sargent, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the standing Committee of Elections, in the case of the petition of Henry Latimer, complaining of an undue election and return of John Patton, the member returned to serve in this House for the State of Delaware, being called for,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from proceeding thereon, and that the hearing on the trial of the said contested election be now proceeded on in the House, Mr. Speaker in the chair.

Ordered, That the petitioner, on his prayer, be admitted to the bar of the House, to be heard in support of the allegations of his petition.

The House then proceeded to the hearing on the trial of the said contested election; and the depositions and other exhibits being partly read, as, also, the observations in writing of the sitting member thereupon, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

Ordered, That all farther proceeding on the said hearing be adjourned until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

A petition of M'Clallen, MacGregor, and Company, of Albany, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on the importation of glass, or such encouragement given to the manufacture of the said article within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Giles, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Page; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Courts Jones, of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House

**James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
James Hillhouse,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Joseph McDowell**

Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,

Andrew Pickens,
John Smilie,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Artemas Ward,
Benjamin Williams, and
Paine Wingate.

Whereupon, the said Henry Latimer took his seat in the House as the member for the State of Delaware; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Sons," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Stephen Porter; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Christie, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Hindman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the memorials of the People called Quakers, at their yearly meeting held in Rhode Island, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; of the Delegates from the several Societies for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, in convention assembled at Philadelphia, on the first day of January last; and of the Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to prohibit the fitting out of any ship or vessel in any port of the United States, either by citizens of the United States or foreigners, for the purpose of procuring from any kingdom or country the inhabitants of such kingdom or country, to be transported to any foreign parts or places of the world to be sold or disposed of as slaves.

Ordered, That Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Ward, Mr. Giles, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Grove, be a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Arthur St. Clair, which was made on the first day of March last, be committed to a Committee of Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act, "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

A petition of Isaac Surrage, of Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of injuries received as a matross in the Continental Army, during the late war, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor. Also,

A petition of James Richardson, of the State of North Carolina, praying compensation for services rendered, and moneys advanced by him for the purpose of enlisting soldiers for the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Severinus Koch, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Irvine be added to the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Robert Lyell and of James Quarles and John Wynne.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act in alteration of the act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Lucy Clark ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Venable, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States, reported an amendatory bill ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Sons."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

An engrossed bill for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in alteration of the act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A memorial of John Frederick Amelung, James Labes, and Thomas Johnson, of Frederick County, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on the importation of window and other glass, or such encouragement given to the manufacture of the said article within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Giles, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Page ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Thomas Jenners Carnes, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the pay and other em-

uments due for his services as a Lieutenant of Artillery in the Army of the United States, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Tapp, of the City of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and supplies furnished the United States, during the late war.

A motion being made and seconded that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the petition of Killian Van Rensselaer, and others, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Pickens, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the 13th ultimo, transmitting the copy of a letter from Constant Freeman, Agent for the War Department in Georgia, to the Secretary of War, dated the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, with sundry enclosures relative to the Creek Indians, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Robert Lyon and of Joseph Salmon, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Nicholas Reib, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, February 19th, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you the copy of a letter which I have received from the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and, at their desire, the representation mentioned in the said letter, pointing out certain defects in the judiciary system.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Sons."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act "to establish the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report, and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Glen, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Dent, Mr. Walker, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Dearborn, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States of the thirtieth ultimo, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State; as also, the petitions of Thomas Person and others, proprietors of lands in the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and of the Trustees of the University of North Carolina, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Secretary of State, to whom was referred, on the 13th ultimo, the petition of Thomas Manning, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of

the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the act "to establish the judicial courts of the United States," and report some provision in the case where any judge of the courts of the United States is, or may, by sickness, or other disqualifying cause, be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office; also, some further provision concerning bail, process, and costs, in the courts of the United States; and, generally, to report such amendments to the said act as they may judge necessary and constitutional; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the act "to establish the judicial courts of the United States, as is, or may be, construed to require the attendance of the marshal of each State, at each of the sessions of the Supreme Court, shall be repealed; and that, in future, the said court shall be attended during session by the marshal of the district in which they sit, unless by special order the court shall require the same:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Moore, Mr. Murray, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Christie.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew G. Fraunces: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the reasons assigned by the Secretary of the Treasury for refusing payment of the warrants referred to in the memorial, are fully sufficient to justify his conduct; and that, in the whole course of this transaction, the Secretary and other officers of the Treasury have acted a meritorious part towards the public.

Resolved, That the charge exhibited in the memorial against the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the purchase of the pension of Baron de Glaubeck, is wholly illiberal and groundless.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

A petition of Walter W. Heyer, in behalf of himself and others, Clerks in the office of the Commissioner of Loans for the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salaries allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Madison, Mr. Foster, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Watts, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Hancock, and Mr. Locke; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Thomas Russell, Eleazer Johnson, Jeremiah Allen, Joseph Russell, junior, David Spear, A. Rand, Samuel Belknap, Daniel Austin, John Fisher, and Richard Lillings, holders of certain bills of credit emitted by the resolution of the late Congress, of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive a balance of interest, together with the amount of the principal, due on the said bills.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Josiah G. Pierson, of the City of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional restrictions may be laid on the importation of nails from foreign countries as may be deemed expedient to encourage the manufacture of the said article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, Mr. Hindman,

Mr. Dexter, Mr. Giles, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Page; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Sarah Smart, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, late widow of Benajah Carpenter, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was killed while an officer in the Continental Army, in an engagement with the enemy on Long Island, the twenty-sixth of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Richard Blackledge, executor of Richard Blackledge, deceased, by Abishai Thomas, his attorney, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a quantity of leather furnished for the use of the United States some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight. Also,

A petition of Joseph West, late of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, praying that he may receive a balance due to him for services performed in the office of the Deputy Paymaster General for the Eastern Department, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition do lie on the table.

A petition of John Carr, of Anne Arundel County, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments due for his services as a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress. Also,

A petition of William Douglass and Elizabeth, his wife, representatives of John Readpath, deceased, praying compensation for the services of the deceased as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina line of the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of John Cogbill, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Venable, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Hunter; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, communicating an adjudication of the Supreme Court of the United States, declaring the claims of certain invalid pensioners under the act, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the claims of widows and orphans barred by the limitations heretofore established, and to regulate the claims to invalid pensions," not to be valid; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Hartley have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Monday se'nnight.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union: Whereupon,

The first resolution, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That a naval force to consist of four ships of forty-four, and two ships of twenty guns each, be provided for the protection of the commerce of the United States against the Algerine cruizers;" being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.—Yeas 43—Nays 41.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,

Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
Samuel Holton,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Latimer,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,

Zephaniah Swift,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Uriah Tracey,
 Jonathan Trumbull,

John E. Van Allen,
 Artemas Ward,
 John Watts, and
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Thomas Blount,
 Thomas P. Carnes,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Isaac Coles,
 William J. Dawson,
 Henry Dearborn,
 William Findley,
 William B. Giles,
 James Gillespie,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William Barry Grove,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 John Heath,
 John Hunter,
 Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,

Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 Joseph M'Dowell,
 Alexander Mebane,
 William Montgomery,
 Andrew Moore,
 Joseph Neville,
 Anthony New,
 Nathaniel Niles,
 John Page,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 John S. Sherburne,
 John Smilie,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 Abraham Venable,
 Francis Walker,
 Paine Wingate, and
 Joseph Winston.

The other resolutions reported by the Committee of the Whole House being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follow :

Resolved, That, for the purpose of defraying the cost of a naval armament, and the annual expense thereof, after the — day of —, there shall be levied, collected, and paid, upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on which a duty of seven and a half per cent. is now payable, an additional duty of one half per cent.

On boots, an additional duty of 25 cents per pair.

On shoes and slippers for men and women, and on clogs and golo-shoes 5 cents per pair.

On shoes and slippers for children 3 cents per pair.

On millinery ready made, and artificial flowers, feathers, and other ornaments, for womens' head dresses, dolls, dressed and undressed, toys } 5 per cent.

On cast, slit, and rolled iron, and generally all manufactures of iron, steel, tin, pewter, copper, brass, or of which either of these metals is the article of chief value, not being otherwise particularly enumerated (brass and iron wire, locks, hinges, hoes, anvils, vises excepted) cabinet wares, carpets, and carpeting ; } ad valorem.

On leather tanned and tawed, and generally all manufactures of leather, or of which leather is the article of chief value, not otherwise particularly enumerated ; }

On medicinal drugs, except those commonly used in dying, mats and floor cloths, hats, caps, and bonnets of every sort for women, gloves, mittens, stockings, fans, buttons of every kind, buckles, shoe and knee, sheathing and cartridge paper, all powders, pastes, balls, balsams, ointments, oils, waters, washes, tinctures, essences, or other preparations or compositions, commonly called sweet scents, odours, perfumes, or cosmetics, and all dentrifice, powders or preparations, for the teeth or gums ; }

On gold, silver, and plated wares, gold and silver lace, jewelry, and paste work, clocks and watches, and the following groceries, viz : cinnamon, cloves, mace, nutmegs, ginger, anniseed, currants, dates, figs, plums, prunes, raisins, sugar candy, oranges, lemons, limes, and generally all fruits, and comfits, olives, capers, pickles of every sort, oil, and mustard in flour }

On all manufactures of cotton, of which cotton is the chief material, printed, stained or colored } 1½ per cent.

On all marble, slate, and other stone, on bricks, tiles, tables, mortars, and other utensils of marble, or stone, and generally upon all stone, and earthenware, an additional duty of five per cent. }

2 per cent. ad valorem.

On ships or vessels of the United States employed in foreign trade, 6 cents per ton; on all other ships and vessels, 25 cents per ton.

Resolved, That the like drawbacks and allowances be made of the said additional duties as are now made of other duties upon goods exported from the United States.

Resolved, That a separate account of the said duties be kept.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to receive on loan, a sum not exceeding ——— dollars, to be applied towards the building and equipment of the said naval armament, at an interest not exceeding ——— per cent. per annum; and that the said loan be open to any individual or body politic or corporate within the United States.

Resolved, That the revenues herein before recited be pledged for the payment of the interest on the loan aforesaid, for the annual expense of the said armament; and that the surplus of such revenue be applied to the repayment of the principal and to no other purpose whatever."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Forest, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Parker, Mr. Macon, Mr. Winn, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Watts, Mr. Orr, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Latimer, and Mr. Dayton, do prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and what, sum may be necessary to be loaned for the purpose of carrying on the public service, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Dearborn.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Christie, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Dalling, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Richard Coppernoll, of the County of Montgomery, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a grist mill, which was burnt by a detachment of the enemy; and, also, for a quantity of wheat and flour, the property of the petitioner, which was taken for the use of the garrison at Fort Paris, some time in the month of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty. Also,

A petition of Benjamin Morgan, of the County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, praying that some allowance or compensation may be made him for supplies furnished the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A memorial of Huldah Ingersoll, of Pittsfield in the State of Massachusetts, late widow of Colonel John Brown, deceased, praying compensation for military services rendered by the deceased in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial, together with the memorial of Richard Blackledge, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Coit, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Foster; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Sarah Piatt, of Essex County, in the State of New Jersey, widow of

William Piatt, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was killed in an expedition against the Indians, under the command of Major General St. Clair, in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Van Gaasbeck; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Daniel Lombard, junior, and others, holders of certain bills of credit, emitted in pursuance of the resolution of the late Congress, of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was presented to the House and read, praying that adequate provision may be made for securing to the petitioners the amount of the principal and interest due on the said bills.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Lucy Danks, widow of Benoni Danks, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a barn, and other property of the deceased, which were burnt, or otherwise destroyed, by a detachment of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Samuel Cary, of the County of Luzerne, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of military services rendered, and losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of George Crow, praying that he may receive the depreciation of pay and other emoluments due for his services as a private in Captain Harman Stout's Company, of the tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, February 24th, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The extracts which I now lay before you, from a letter of our Minister at London, are supplementary to some of my past communications, and will appear to be of a confidential nature.

I also transmit to you copies of a letter from the Secretary of State to the Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty, and of the answers thereto, upon the subject of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain; together with the copy of a letter from Messieurs Carmichael and Short, relative to our affairs with Spain; which letter is connected with a former confidential message.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the state of the Treasury Department, and that they be instructed to report to the House, generally, thereon; and, among other things, more particularly:

1st. Whether the form of keeping the accounts be calculated to effectuate the dispositions of the public moneys, as prescribed by law.

2d. Whether the cash receipts, from the domestic resources, have exceeded, equalled, or fallen short, of the domestic cash expenditures, from the establishment of the Government to the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; remarking the dates and amount of any excess, or deficiency, quarterly.

3d. Whether the sinking fund, at the time of its establishment, consisted of cash or bonds; specifying, in the latter case, as nearly as may be, the several dates at which any sum or sums of such bonds became payable.

4th. What proceedings have been had under the laws of the fourth and twelfth of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, authorizing loans of money, and what authorities were given for those proceedings: That they also state, in dollars and cents, the gross principal of debt in Holland, produced to the United States by the said loans, and the precise amount of the principal of the foreign debt, which has been discharged thereby: what portion of such loans has been drawn to the United States, at what dates, and by what authority; in what manner such drafts have been applied;

under what forms and checks those drafts were made; and whether the moneys raised thereby were immediately deposited in the Treasury; if not, in what places, and to what amount, were such moneys deposited; how much time elapsed after such loans, before the said moneys came into the Treasury; whether a complete fulfilment of our engagements to France was, in any degree, obviated by such drafts; whether any portion of the French debt remained unpaid, at the end of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; and whether any balance of the said debt is yet unpaid: And that the committee do also report the date of the first information to this House, communicating the said drafts; and whether any call of the House was made upon the Treasury Department, which embraced the idea of a previous disclosure thereof.

5th. That the committee be also instructed to report the whole amount of the existing debt of the United States, discriminating the domestic from the foreign debt, and specifying the amount of domestic debt bearing a present interest of six per centum; the amount bearing a present interest of three per centum, and the amount deferred: That they also report the increase or decrease of the whole debt of the United States, and the operation of the sinking fund, to the end of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Hunter, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Giles, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Dent, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Niles, Mr. Swift, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Wingate, be a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Ordered, That the petition of Sarah Beachem, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That Rufus Blodget, who presented a petition to this House on the thirteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, have leave to withdraw the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in alteration of the act for establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time,

And on the question, that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Christie, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Stephen Porter, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Arthur St. Clair; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

A petition of James Bonnell, of the State of New Jersey, an insolvent debtor, under confinement in the gaol of Sussex County, was presented to the House and read, praying that a special act may be passed for his discharge from confinement, or a general act of bankruptcy, extending relief in his and like cases.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States.

A petition of Francis Galvan de Bernoux, brother, and heir at law, of William Galvan, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the commutation of half-pay, and other emoluments, due for the services of the deceased, as a Major in the Army of the United States, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition and representation of the pilots of Ocracock bar, in the State of North Carolina, masters of vessels, and merchants, owners of vessels, trading in and out at the same, was presented to the House and read, suggesting various reasons against the erection of a light-house on Ocracock Island, and praying that the same may be erected on Shell-Castle Island, in the harbor of Ocracock.

Ordered, That the said petition and representation be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Treasury Department, have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consider and report on the propriety of remitting the duty on imported bar iron, in certain cases; and that Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Sedgwick, be the said committee.

Resolved, That so much of the speech of the President of the United States, as respects arms and military stores, magazines, and arsenals, together with the return of arms and military stores reported by the Secretary for the Department of War, be referred to a special committee, and that they report whether any, or what, addition ought to be made to any or all of these objects; with an estimate of the expense of any augmentation they may recommend.

Ordered, That Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Forest, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Parker, Mr. Macon, Mr. Winn, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Watts, Mr. Orr, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Latimer, and Mr. Dayton, be a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Lucy Clark; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On a motion made and seconded, that the said bill be re-committed to a select committee,

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy, imposed by the House, in the case of the letter from the Secretary of State to the British Minister, and the answer thereto, communicated by Message from the President, on Monday last, be removed, and that the said letters be considered as public.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

A petition of Doctor James Diemer, of the County of Berks in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for medicines and attendance furnished the British prisoners, stationed at the borough of Reading, in the said State, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven. Also,

A petition of Margaret Riker, widow of Abraham Riker, deceased, praying that she may receive the allowance of half-pay due for the services of the deceased, as a Captain in the Army of the United States, during the late war, or such compensation, in lieu thereof, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, sum may be necessary to be loaned, for the purpose of carrying on the public service, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of William M'Hutton; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said report; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Greenup, and Mr. Bailey, be a committee to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act "to regulate the claims to invalid pensions."

On a motion made and seconded; that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for payment of the interest on the balances credited certain States, in the books of the Treasury, upon the final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States.

Resolved, That the balances due from sundry of the States, on the final settlement of the accounts between the individual States and the United States, ought to be paid in ——— years, by annual instalments:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the remission of certain duties; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

And on the question that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the motion of the 19th instant, "for the repeal of so much of the act 'to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States,' as is, or may be, construed to require the attendance of the Marshal of each State, at each of the sessions of the Supreme Court, and providing that, in future, the said Court, shall be attended, during session, by the Marshal of the District in which they sit, unless, by special order, the Court shall require the same," made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it will be proper to pass a law repealing so much of the act "to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," as is, or may be construed to require the attendance of the Marshals of all the Districts at the Supreme Court, and enacting that the said Court shall be attended, during its session, by the Marshal of the District only in which the Court shall sit, unless the attendance of the Marshals of other Districts shall be required by special order of the Court.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole House, on the nineteenth instant, to the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the act "to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," and report some provision in the case where any Judge of the Courts of the United States is, or may, by sickness, or other disqualifying cause, be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office; also, some further provision concerning bail, process, and costs, in the Courts of the United States; and, generally, to report such amendments to the said act as they may judge necessary and constitutional; and the said amendments being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said report, as amended, and to the preceding resolution, and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Moore, Mr. Murray, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Christie, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House to-morrow, at twelve o'clock

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hill: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Lieutenant Colonel Tousard: Whereupon,

Resolved, That there be allowed to the said Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life, agreeably to the rule of commutation, as adopted by the United States, in lieu of the half pay to the Officers of the late Army.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Learned, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in alteration of the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Joshua Kirby, of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a quantity of imported cotton and sail-duck, the property of the petitioner, which was deposited in a storehouse in the said town, and consumed by fire, on the eighth day of January last. Also,

A petition of Ebenezer Learned, of the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may be allowed the commutation of half-pay due for his services as a Brigadier General in the Army of the United States, during the late war, or such other compensation, in lieu thereof, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet. Also,

A petition of Elizabeth Shipe, of Yorktown, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for her services as a baker employed by George Eichelberger, Commissary, or Public agent of the United States at the said town, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven. Also,

A petition of Thomas Pinckney, of the city of New York, praying compensation for sundry articles of property furnished the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Amy Dardin, of the county of Mecklenberg, in the State of Virginia, widow and relict of David Dardin, deceased, praying compensation for the value of a horse, the property of the said deceased, which was taken for the use of the Continental Cavalry, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Josiah Witter was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrears of pension due to him as a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Swift, Mr. Gilman, and Mr. Glen; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Luther Baldwin, of Newark, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for moneys advanced and injuries sustained, while employed in procuring intelligence and for other purposes, by several officers of the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of William Shattuck, of the county of Ontario, in the State of New York, praying that he may be allowed the pay of a Major, and be re-imbursed the amount of his expenses while employed in apprehending certain persons in the State of Massachusetts, by warrant from the Commander in Chief of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two. Also,

A petition of Charles F. Weissenfels, of the city of New York, late a Lieutenant in the second New York regiment, praying a re-imbusement of certain sums of money which he advanced for the purpose of enlisting soldiers for the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Trumbull, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, sum may be necessary to be loaned for the purpose of carrying on the public service, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to borrow, on the credit of the United States, a sum not exceeding one million of dollars, if, in his opinion, the public service shall require it."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Dearborn, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed to prepare and report to the House an estimate of the expense that will be requisite to place the principal seaports and harbors of the United States, in a state of defence, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as may be proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Cadwalader, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish the House with a copy of the contract made by him with the Bank of the United States, for a loan of two millions of dollars, made of the said Bank, in pursuance of the eleventh section of the act for incorporating the subscribers to the said Bank; and, also, a copy of any opinions which may have been given by the Attorney General, relative to a construction of the said contract; and that he communicate to the House any provisional measures which he may have taken respecting the payment of the said instalment of the said loan.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in alteration of the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 3.

A petition of the merchants and traders of the town of Catskill, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniences to which they are subjected, by being obliged to enter and clear out at other ports or landing places on Hudson's river, and praying that the said town of Catskill may be made a port of delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the act "to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Pearson, of the county of Delaware, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against the loss he has sustained from an error in the date of certain Loan Office Certificates granted him in payment for a number of cattle furnished for the use of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of the merchants, manufacturers of iron, and ship-builders, in the city of Philadelphia and its vicinity, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the impost laws of the United States as imposes a duty on the importation of bar iron, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Sedgwick, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Samuel Yorke, of the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of injuries received while a Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing a loan of one million of dollars; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the seventh day of January last, respecting the appointment of an officer for the receiving, safe-keeping, and distributing of public supplies, under the direction of the War Department, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Tracey, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, March 3, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I transmit to you an extract from a letter of Mr. Short, relative to our affairs with Spain, and copies of two letters from our Minister at Lisbon, with their enclosures, containing intelligence from Algiers; the whole of these communications are made in confidence, except the passage in Mr. Short's letter, which respects the Spanish convoy.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his reports on the petitions of Jacob Bailey, Joseph Bennet, Oliver Rowen, John Brandon, Jabez Champlin, Edward Darrell, John Edgar, Gosuinus Erkelens, George Fechem, Hugh Ferguson, Lawrence Fonda, James Gamble, gaugers of New York, Sarah Grcaton, William Hardy and Joseph Bedford, Joseph Henry, John Hobby,

Esther Johnson, Englebert Kemmena, Ann Latta and James Latta, John R. Livingston, Thomas M'Elderry, John M'Lean, William M'Neal, Joseph Packwood, Timothy Pickering, Samuel Pridcau, William Read, James Read, Peter Rockafeller, Mordecai Sheftall, William W. Smith and others, Frederick W. Starman and others, William Stearns, John Sutlief, Edward Telfair, and John Weread, Peter Pra Van Zandt, and William Wirtz ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States; which was received and read the first time.

On motion, the said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the resolution agreed to by this House on the second of January last, "for appropriating a sum of money, in addition to the provision heretofore made to defray any expense which may be incurred in relation to the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," be committed to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Ames, and Mr. New, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a statement of the gross sum of money which has been advanced by the United States, in making presents to the Creek and Cherokee Indians, since the treaty made at New York : also, all expenses incurred, and sums of money expended, in making the said treaty.

Ordered, That Mr. Carnes and Mr. Macon be a committee to wait on the President, with the foregoing resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the thirtieth ultimo, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State ; as also, the petitions of Thomas Person and others, proprietors of lands in the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and of the Trustees of the University of North Carolina ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4.

A petition of Nicholas Hoffman, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of injuries received in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Peter Trezevant, of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, in behalf of his wife Eliza, the only child and sole legatee and devisee of Robert Farquhar, deceased, and as Attorney of Alexander Chisholm, the surviving executor of the last will and testament of the said Robert Farquhar, was presented to the House, and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for supplies furnished by the deceased, for the use of the Army and Navy of the United States, pursuant to an order of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of Georgia, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels, which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States." I am also directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, on the third instant, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act in alteration of the act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolution sent from the Senate, "proposing an article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, respecting the Judicial Power ;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

A motion was then made and seconded to amend the said proposed article of amendment, at the Clerk's table, by adding to the end thereof, the words following, to wit: "Where such State shall have previously made provision in their own courts, whereby such suit may be prosecuted to effect;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas, 8,
 { Nays, 77.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Daniel Heister,
William Hindman,

Henry Latimer,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott, and
Silas Talbot.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
James Hillhouse,
Samuel Holten,
John Hunter,
William Irvine,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,

Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Thomas Tredwell,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Francis Walker,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams,
Paine Wingate,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

On motion,

The resolution of the Senate, containing the said proposed article of amendment, was read the third time, as followeth:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of the said Constitution, viz :

"The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by citizens of another State, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign State."

money, not exceeding one million four hundred and fifty-seven thousand nine hundred and thirty-six dollars and one cent ; that is to say:

For the pay of the Legion of the United States,	-	-	-	\$ 303,684 00
For subsistence	-	-	-	312,567 75
For forage	-	-	-	31,632 00
For clothing	-	-	-	112,000 00
For equipments for the Cavalry	-	-	-	7,314 05
For horses for the Cavalry	-	-	-	16,000 00
For bounty	-	-	-	5,000 00
For the Hospital Department	-	-	-	20,000 00
For the Ordnance Department	-	-	-	6,715 32
For repairs and articles directed to be made and purchased by the President of the United States	-	-	-	202,783 34
For defensive protection of the frontiers	-	-	-	130,000 00
For the Indian Department	-	-	-	50,000 00
For the Quartermaster's Department	-	-	-	150,000 00
For contingencies of the War Department	-	-	-	30,000 00
And for invalid pensions	-	-	-	80,239 55
Dollars				<u>1,457,936 01</u>

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Gillespie, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing a loan of one million of dollars ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report to the House an estimate of the expense that will be requisite to place the principal sea-ports and harbors of the United States in a state of defence ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.

An engrossed bill authorizing a loan of one million of dollars was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing a loan of one million of dollars."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of the manufacturers of hats, in the towns of Fredericksburg and Falmouth, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed upon the importation of hats from foreign countries ; and that such duties may be laid on the exportation of beaver and other furs from the United States, as shall be sufficient to encourage and protect domestic manufactures. Also,

The several petitions of the manufacturers of hats in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Giles, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Page ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Michael Raugh was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services in the militia of the State of Pennsyl-

vania, in the actual service of the United States, during the late war, of which he has been hitherto deprived by the operation of the acts of limitation. Also,

A petition of Moses Hicks, praying compensation for injuries sustained while a prisoner taken by the Indians, when in the actual service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Ruth Pack and Jane Clark, of the county of Northumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying relief in consideration of the loss of their husbands and fathers, who were killed in an engagement with the Indians, during the late war. Also,

A memorial of Mary Penrose and Margaret Deitz, praying that measures may be taken for procuring the ransom, or relief from slavery, of their husbands, and other citizens of the United States, who are now in captivity at Algiers.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial do lie on the table.

A memorial of Nathaniel Dummer was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, as Deputy Commissary of prisoners, from the seventh of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, to the twenty-first of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee appointed to report the expediency of establishing a light-house on the island of Seguin, at the mouth of the river Kennebeck, in the District of Maine, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is expedient for the United States to establish a light-house on the island of Seguin, near the entrance of the river Kennebeck, in the District of Maine.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Tracey, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide a Naval armament; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report to the House an estimate of the expense that will be requisite to place the principal seaports and harbors of the United States in a state of defence; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to cause such of the ports and harbors of the United States to be put into a state of defence, as he may judge necessary, and that a sum, not exceeding — dollars, be provided for that purpose:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made for procuring one hundred cannon of thirty-six pounders, and one hundred of twenty-four pounders, with carriages and implements for the same.

That carriages and implements for one hundred and fifty cannon, with five hundred and sixty tons of cannon shot, ought to be procured, and that a sum not exceeding — be provided for the purposes aforesaid.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to employ such part of the troops, on the military establishment of the United States, as he may judge necessary, in any of the fortifications which may be erected for the defence of any of the ports or harbors of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Forest, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Parker, Mr. Macon, Mr. Winn, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Watts, Mr. Orr, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Latimer, and Mr. Dayton, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 5th March, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The Secretary of State having reported to me upon the several complaints which have been lodged in his office against the vexations and spoliations on our commerce,

since the commencement of the European war, I transmit to you a copy of his statement, together with the documents upon which it is founded.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the speech of the President of the United States, as respects arms and military stores, magazines and arsenals, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Swift, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Witter, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to make a report of the cases of all claimants to be placed on the pension list of the United States, who have obtained certificates from the Circuit Courts, signed as Commissioners, or from the district judge of the Court of Maine, for the purpose that Congress may place on the pension list those claimants, whose cases come clearly within the description of law.

Mr. Hillhouse, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land warrant issued to him for services in the late American Army; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

A petition of John Jordan and Thomas Knight, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the proportion of prize money due to them as marines, on board the continental ship *Bon Homme Richard*, under the command of Captain John Paul Jones, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a Naval force may be provided adequate to the protection of the commerce of the United States, against the Algerine corsairs.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to provide a naval armament.

A petition of Bradley and Mix, of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be laid on the importation of metal buttons from foreign countries, or such encouragement given to the manufacture of the said article within the United States as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coit, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Giles, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Page; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Stephen Pararque, commander and part owner of the ship *Port Louis*, of Marseilles, in France, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to unlade the cargo of the said ship at the port of New York, and be allowed the usual credit of six, nine, and twelve months, for the payment of the duties thereon, on giving bond, with the security required by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Carnes; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred ninety-four; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties in respect to invalid pensions, to the Attorney of the said District; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign Nations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, do lie on the table.

Mr. Watts, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Paraque, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Stephen Paraque be permitted to unlade his cargo in the port of New York, on giving bond and security for the duties thereof, to the Collector of the said port of New York, on the usual credit of six, nine, and twelve months, to be computed from the time of unloading.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Watts, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Carnes, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as may be proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

An engrossed bill to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill providing for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am also directed to inform this House that Mr. Foster is appointed of the Committee for Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, during the absence of Mr. Vining. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide a Naval armament; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in the present session; and what part of the business now depending may be, without great inconvenience, postponed until the next session, that the proceedings may be so regulated as to close this session by the first Monday in April next. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties arising on the tonnage of sundry French vessels which have taken refuge in the ports of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

The memorials of sundry merchants, mariners, tradesmen, and other citizens of the county of Norfolk, and the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that a law may pass imposing farther restrictions and higher duties on the importation of articles of the growth or manufacture of such foreign kingdoms or countries as have not entered into a commercial treaty with the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries.

A memorial of William Denning and others, holders of bills of credit emitted in pursuance of the resolution of the late Congress, of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was presented to the House and read, praying that adequate provision may be made for securing to the memorialists the amount of interest due on the said bills. Also,

A petition of Margaret Knox, widow of William Knox, late of Rowan county, in the State of North Carolina, deceased, praying that she may receive the pay and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased as a Captain in the second regiment of the North Carolina line, during the late war, to which she conceives herself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress. Also,

A petition of Griffith Jones, of the City of Philadelphia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a quantity of leather furnished for the use of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A memorial of William Simonton, of Iredell county, in the State of North Carolina, praying compensation for the use of, and damages done to, a plantation of the memorialist, which was taken by order of General Greene, for the purpose of establishing a post for receiving military and other stores belonging to the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petitions do lie on the table.

A memorial of Isaac Ledyard was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the commutation of half pay for his services as Assistant Purveyor in the Hospital Department, during the late war; also, that a mistake, to the injury of the memorialist, made in the settlement of his account with the United States, may be rectified.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Cobb, and Mr. Learned; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying a statement of the gross sum of money which was expended in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, in making the treaty with the Creek Indians at New York; and, also, of the amount of presents made to the Creek and Cherokee nations, since the said treaty, pursuant to the resolution of this House, of the third instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four;" and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate of the seventh instant, for the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in the present session, and what part of the business now depending may be, without great inconvenience, postponed until the next session, that the proceedings may be so regulated as to close this session by the first Monday in April next: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Kittera, be appointed a committee on the part of this House.

An engrossed bill to provide a Naval armament was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 50,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Samuel Griffin,
George Hancock,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
Samuel Holten,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Christopher Greenup,
William Barry Grove,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
John Hunter,
William Irvine,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,

Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
John Page,
Francis Preston,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Paine Wingate, and
Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to provide a naval armament."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making certain alterations in the act for establishing the judicial courts, and altering the time of holding certain courts; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolve, "proposing to the several States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States respecting the judicial power," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Watts, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Stephen Paraque; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

The petitions of John Ostrander, Peter Rutan, and John Gates, of Albany, in the State of New York, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that they may receive the depreciation of pay and other emoluments due for their services as officers in the New York line of the Continental Army, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Lewis Dubois, of the City of Philadelphia, praying compensation for moneys advanced and services rendered, while a Colonel in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Talbot, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Samuel Smith; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Gough, and others, branch pilots of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that the rates of pilotage now established by law may be increased, or such other regulations adopted for the relief of the petitioners, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Sprigg; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Leighton Wood, junior, Joseph Stretch, and Joshua Dawson, in behalf of themselves and other Clerks in the Treasury Department, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive such compensation, in addition to the salaries allowed them by law, as may be deemed equitable and proper, to reimburse the extraordinary expenses they incurred in the discharge of their official duties during the late calamity in the City of Philadelphia, where they remained at the great personal hazard of themselves and families.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Tracey, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Williams; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for erecting a light-house on the island of Seguin, in the District of Maine; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to erect a light-house on the head land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Occacock Island, in the State of North Carolina;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the Clerks in several of the Executive Departments of Government, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Coit, from the committee to whom were referred the memorial and petitions of Huldah Ingersoll, Richard Coppernoll, and Benjamin Morgan, made reports; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House on Thursday last, to the bill making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and, the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

An engrossed bill to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act, making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations, and further to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have come to a resolution "that the President of the United States be requested to transmit to the Executives of the several States, copies of the article of amendment proposed by Congress, to be added to the Constitution of the United States, respecting the Judicial Power;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and, the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four."

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed to consider and report on the propriety of remitting the duty on imported bar iron, in certain cases, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the speech of the President of the United States, as respects arms and military stores, magazines, and arsenals; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to direct two arsenals and magazines, with the necessary buildings, to be erected in proper situations, to accommodate the Southern States; and that the arsenals and magazines at Springfield, in Massachusetts, and Carlisle, in Pennsylvania, be repaired; and that a sum not exceeding fifty-nine thousand dollars be provided for that purpose.

Resolved, That a national armory be erected, and that a superintendent, and two master armorers, be appointed by the President of the United States to superintend the same.

That so many persons may, from time to time, be employed therein, as the Secretary for the Department of War may judge necessary; and that a sum, not exceeding twenty-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars, be provided for defraying the expense thereof.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding one hundred and forty-three thousand six hundred and forty dollars, be provided for the purpose of purchasing an additional quantity of arms and ammunition.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Forest, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Parker, Mr. Macon, Mr. Winn, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Watts, Mr. Orr, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Latimer, and Mr. Dayton, do prepare and bring in the same.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That there be raised, armed, and equipped, fifteen regiments of auxiliary troops, to consist of one thousand men, rank and file, each, with the proper officers.

Resolved, That the commissioned officers thereof be appointed as other officers of the United States, and that the non-commissioned officers and privates be enlisted for the term of two years; and, with this condition, that, if war should break out within that time, between the United States and any foreign European Power, they shall be bound to serve for the term of three years, after the commencement of the war, if the same shall so long continue.

Resolved, That, in case of such war, the officers of the said regiments shall be entitled to the like pay and subsistence, and to equal rank and command with the officers of the present military establishment of the United States; but, except in such case, shall be entitled to pay only for the time they shall actually attend on the days of training and exercise, hereafter mentioned.

Resolved, That each non-commissioned officer and private shall, by virtue of his enlistment, be entitled to a bounty, consisting of a suit of clothes per annum, of the value of twelve dollars, and shall also be entitled to a compensation of half a dollar per day, for each day he shall assemble for the purpose of training or exercising; which, except in case of war with some foreign European Power, shall not exceed twenty-four days in one year; and, in that case, each non-commissioned officer and private shall be entitled to the same pay and rations, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations, as the other troops of the United States.

Resolved, That the said regiments shall be furnished with arms and accoutrements at the expense of the United States, to be returned at the expiration of their term of service.

Resolved, That revenues by taxes or duties, competent to the purpose of defraying the expense of raising and paying the said troops, be provided.

Resolved, That, within two years and six months after the time, which shall be prescribed by law, for beginning to enlist the said troops, if no war shall in the mean time break out with any foreign European Power, the regiments aforesaid shall be abolished and cease.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized, if in his judgment the safety or welfare of the United States shall require it, to lay an embargo, generally or particularly, upon ships in the ports or harbors of the United States, for a term not exceeding, at any one time, forty days; and also to prohibit, for a like term, generally or particularly, the exportation of commodities from the United States; and such embargo or prohibition to continue, from time to time, until the expiration of fourteen days after the commencement of the session of Congress next ensuing the present.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, 12th March, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I transmit to you the translations of two letters from the Commissioners of his Catholic Majesty to the Secretary of State, and of their enclosures.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY. MARCH 13.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Thomas Garney, and others, fishermen, employed in the fishing-business in the town of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying an alteration and amendment of the act, entitled "An act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein." Also,

A petition of William Knight, and others, owners of fishing vessels employed in the town of Marblehead, to the same effect. Also,

A petition of Benjamin Smith, of the city of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, praying compensation for the destruction of property belonging to the petitioner, by the American and British troops during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A memorial of Williams Simmons, principal Clerk in the office of the Auditor of the Treasury, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salary allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be augmented, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Swift, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Christie; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of James Bell, of Chambly, in the province of Lower Canada, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for moneys advanced, and services rendered, to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Gordon, Mr. Latimer, and Mr. Grove; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of William Seymour, of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of a wound received in the attack made by the enemy at Fort Griswold, during the late war, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne, and Mr. Griffin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of fixing buoys on certain rocks lying off the harbor of New London, in the State of Connecticut, and Providence river, in the State of Rhode Island, and that Mr. Coit, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Cobb, be the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan of one million of dollars." The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act allowing to Major General Lafayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan of one million of dollars," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State on the privileges and restrictions on the commerce of the United States in foreign countries; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On a motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That it be a standing rule and order of this House, in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, that the Speaker (or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 17.

A petition of Juliana Shulz and Philip Zieber, Executors of George Shulz, deceased, late of the borough of Reading, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the rent of a certain tenement, the property of their testator, which was taken for the use of the Medical Department of the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Neville; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Henry King, late Assistant Commissary of Issues to the first Maryland brigade, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for moneys advanced, and services rendered, while in the Army of the United States, during the late war, of which he has hitherto been debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation. Also,

A petition of William Moore, of the State of Maryland, late a Surgeon's Mate in the fourth regiment of the North Carolina line, praying that he may receive a balance due to him for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Rutherford; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The memorial of Benjamin Bankson, a Clerk in the Department of State, and Philip Audebert, a Clerk in the Department of War, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive such compensation, in addition to the salaries allowed them by law, as may be deemed equitable and proper to reimburse them for extraordinary expenses incurred while they continued, at the hazard of their lives, in the discharge of their official duties, during the late calamity in the city of Philadelphia. Also,

The petition of Joseph Parker and Benjamin Betterton, Clerks in the office of the Accountant to the War Department, to the same effect. Also,

A petition of James Bingham and others, Gaugers for the District of New York, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Swift, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Christie; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Jonathan Ayer, of Haverhill, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the allowance of one year's pay due for his services as a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Michael Trappal, of Newark, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on the importation of hosiery from foreign countries; or such other encouragement given to the establishment of stocking manufactories within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of Griffith Jones, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Boudinot, and Mr. Williams; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his reports on the petitions of John Alberson, Jacob Bacon, Luther Baldwin, Lewis Joseph Beaulieu, John Bennet, in behalf of himself and Abraham Sutton, Patrick Bennet, John Bryant, John Carey, Philip Clamberg and others, late officers and soldiers in the first Pennsylvania regiment, Lewis I. Costigin, John Sebastian Cunitz and others, Martha Dow, Honjost Dygert and others, Eli Elmer, Charles Ewell, Charles Fierer, Henry Frank and others, Abner Gage, Christian George, John Green, Peter Haus, Maria Harkemer, Nicholas Hoffman, John Howell, invalid pensioners of Philadelphia, John Jordan and Thomas Knight, Manus Kean and others, late soldiers in the Pennsylvania line, Thomas Kelly, Thomas Kincade, John Loehman, Joseph Mansfield, John Matthews and Elijah Bodwell, William Matthews, Nicholas Miller and Magdalene Miller, John Miller and others, John Moore and Mary Moore, Administrators of John Cole, deceased, Catherine Myler, Philip Peckham, Peter Peritt, Elisha Rice, Margaret Riker, John Robbe, Albert Russel, Samuel Safford and others, William Shepherd, John Spoor, John Staples, Jonas Stevens, Isaac Surrage, John Thomas, Eliphalet Thorp, David Turner, George Vaughan, Felix Victor, Daniel Waters, Charles F. Weissenfels, Halfield White, Stebbens Wilson, Caleb Worley, and Samuel Yorke; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of John Hobby: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing to Major General Lafayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Richard Wade and others, Pilots of Ocracock bar, in the State of North Carolina; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Coit, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of fixing buoys on certain rocks lying off the harbor of New London, in the State of Connecticut, and in Providence river, in the State of Rhode Island, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the erecting and repairing of magazines and arsenals, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Watts, from the committee to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of the manufacturers of paint, in the towns of Baltimore and Alexandria; of the dealers in oil and painters' colors; of Thomas Pearsall and Elijah Pell; of Thomas Perkins and Company; of Samuel Swann; of Thomas F. Walley and others; of M'Clellan MacGregor and Company; of John Amelung and others; of Josiah G. Pierson; of the manufacturers of hats in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia; and of Bradley and Mix; made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and further to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations,'" with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceed to consider the said amendment, and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

An engrossed bill to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Levi Hollingsworth, and others, proprietors of iron works in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that the present duty imposed by law on the importation of bar and cast iron, from foreign countries, may be continued; or such encouragement given to the erecting and improving furnaces and forges for manufacturing the said article within the United States; as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to provide for the defence of

certain ports and harbors in the United States;" another, entitled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and further to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized to employ, as despatch boats, such of the Revenue cutters of the United States, as the public exigencies may require.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, March 18th, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic having requested an advance of money, I transmit to Congress certain documents relative to that subject.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to be committed to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Ames, Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Venable, and Mr. Sherburne.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House authorizing the President of the United States to employ, as despatch boats, such of the Revenue cutters of the United States, as the public exigencies may require. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19.

A petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a number of muskets and their accoutrements, the property of the said Corporation, which were taken for the use of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Macon; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Benjamin Ricketts, of Washington county, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a balance of prize money due to him for services as a Marine on board the Continental ship Bon Homme Richard, under the command of Captain John Paul Jones, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Henry B. Livingston, late a Colonel in the New York line of the Continental Army, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Paulding and James Minor, of the county of Westchester, in the State of New York, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for their services while employed in collecting provisions and impressing teams for the use of a detachment of American troops, under the command of Colonel Burr and Major Hull, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine. Also,

A petition of Edward Thompson, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received while a soldier in the Continental Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions do lie on the table.

A memorial of Bartholomew Van Heer was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Heister, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Locke; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petitions of Margaret Knox and William Simonton, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Kittera, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Walker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act authorizing a loan of one million of dollars;" another, entitled "An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States;" and another, entitled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations;" and further to continue in force the act, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations."

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental Establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Scioto;" and that Mr. Heath, Mr. Neville, and Mr. Orr, be the said committee.

Mr. Coit, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Blackledge, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolve, authorizing the President of the United States to employ, as despatch boats, such of the Revenue Cutters of the United States, as the public exigencies may require, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States, to any foreign place or country." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide a Naval Armament," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20.

A memorial of Lewis Garanger, in behalf of himself and his brother, Charles Garanger, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress in the completion of certain experiments of the memorialists, for the establishment of military manufactories, for improvements in the arms already used, and for the adoption of such others as may be necessary for the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Hartley, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Samuel Smith; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Goodman, of the county of Berks, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a horse which was killed while employed in the service of a detachment of American troops,

under the command of Major Gaither, some time in the month of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the memorial of Henry B. Livingston, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the memorial of William Denning and others, holders of bills of credit emitted in pursuance of the resolution of the late Congress, of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Dexter, and Mr. Venable; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of a number of Germans residing in the State of Virginia, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Preston, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Peter Muhlenberg; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the Clerks in several of the Executive Departments of Government, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

The latter part of the said report, in the words following, to wit:

“That the prayer of the petition of George Taylor is reasonable, and that, as a further compensation for the duties of his office, he ought to be allowed — dollars for each patent for useful arts, &c. issuing from the Department of State, out of the fees paid for such patent: *Provided*, That the whole of such allowance shall not exceed — dollars annually.”

“That the prayer of the petition of Andrew Graydon is reasonable, and that his salary ought to be made the same with that allowed to other Chief Clerks:” being read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That such other parts of the said report as relate to the petitions of the other Clerks in the Treasury and War Departments, and in the Loan Office of the State of New York, be re-committed to Mr. Findley, Mr. Swift, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Christie.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of fixing buoys on certain rocks lying off the harbor of New London, in the State of Connecticut, and in Providence river, in the State of Rhode Island: Whereupon,

“*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to cause to be fixed on the rocks called Blackledge, or Southwest ledge, Goshen reef, Bartlet’s reef, and Race rock, off the harbor of New London, in the State of Connecticut, four buoys, at an expense not to exceed twelve hundred dollars; and to fix buoys in Providence river, not exceeding ten in number, in such places as he may judge most expedient, and at an expense not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.”

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Coit, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Cobb, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Stephen Paraque; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to encourage the recruiting service, and that Mr. Irvine, Mr. Cobb, and Mr. Samuel Smith, be the said committee.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House: one entitled “An act authorizing a loan of one million of dollars;” another, entitled “An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States;” and another, entitled “An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and further to continue in force the act, entitled ‘An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.’” Also, a resolve “authorizing the President of the United States to employ, as despatch boats, such of the Revenue Cutters of the United States, as the public exigencies may require.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined three enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled “An act mak-

ing appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four;" another, entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country;" and another, entitled "An act to provide a Naval armament;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills:

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on certain distilled spirits destroyed by fire;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Stephen Paranke was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Stephen Paranke."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Jonathan Jenkins, of the county of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of certain letters patent, granted to Benjamin Folger, of the city of Hudson, in the State of New York, as the original discoverer of the art of separating the gross matter contained in common whale oil, and afterwards rendering such gross matter fit for candles; which letters patent have been obtained by the said Benjamin Folger surreptitiously, and from false suggestions.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Coffin, Mr. Holton, and Mr. Murray; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Thomas Simpson, of New Hampton, in the State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds and injuries received while a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, during the late war, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne, and Mr. Griffin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Jeremiah Steves, of Hackinsack, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a pettiaugre, the property of the petitioner, which was taken for the purpose of conveying prisoners to Fish Kill, in the State of New York, and burnt or otherwise destroyed by the enemy, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six. Also,

A memorial of Joseph Hull, of the State of Connecticut, praying that he may receive the commutation of half-pay, and other emoluments due for his services as an Ensign in the Army of the United States, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of Louis Ayott, of the parish of St. Ours, in Canada, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for supplies furnished a detachment of the American Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Gordon, Mr. Latimer, and Mr. Grove; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, the petition of William W. Smith, for himself, and as administrator of Gilbert Tennent, deceased, and Joseph Eager, by his Attorney, George Hunter, be discharged from the further consideration of the same, so far as relates to the said Gilbert Tennent.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on certain distilled spirits destroyed by fire," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Coit, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for placing buoys on certain rocks off the harbor of New London, and in Providence river; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Seymour, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for the relief of Robert King, and that Mr. Hartley, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Cadwalader, be the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing to Major General Lafayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time;

And on the question, that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: Whereupon,

The first amendment being read, in the words following, to wit:

Section 1, lines 5th and 6th, strike out the words "*States South of the River Potomac*," and insert "*Midale and Southern States*."

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendment.

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter of all the amendments proposed to the said bill; and that Mr. Hartley, Mr. Irvine, and Mr. Dearborn, be appointed Managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the claims to invalid pensions," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four;" another entitled "An act to provide a Naval armament;" and another entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country."

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same; and that the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Glen, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Dent, Mr. Walker, Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Dearborn.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 24.

Another member, to wit: John Francis Mercer, from Maryland, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

An engrossed bill to provide for placing buoys on certain rocks off the harbor of New London, and in Providence River, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for placing buoys on certain rocks off the harbor of New London, and in Providence River."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Dunkin M'Kinley, of the County of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of injuries received while a private in Captain Benjamin Wallace's company of the flying camp, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Robert Lyell, late a Captain in the third regiment of the South Carolina line, praying that he may receive the depreciation of pay and other emoluments due to him for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of James Quarles, late a soldier in the same regiment, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt such measures as, in their wisdom, may be deemed the most expedient and effectual to obtain redress for the vexations and spoliations committed on the commerce of the United States by the subjects of Great Britain, under the authority of that Government, as well as by the subjects and citizens of other foreign countries. Also,

A memorial of sundry citizens of the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hartley, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Robert Lyell, and of James Quarles and John Wynne, made reports; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cobb, from the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations are, in their opinion, necessary to the act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-first instant, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four." Also, that the President did, on the twenty-second instant, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That measures ought to be immediately taken to render the force of the United States more efficient.

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Parker, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Pickens.

A motion being then made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a select corps of militia be enrolled in the United States; that all freemen capable of bearing arms from the age of — to —, compose a select militia, and that they be armed and accoutred at the general expense.

Resolved, That the several States shall officer the select Militia aforesaid, either out

of the officers of the Militia now commissioned, or such other persons as they may think proper.

Resolved, That the said select Militia be called together as often as may be directed by the Legislatures of the several States, not exceeding — days in one year; and for the time they are so called out, they shall receive the same pay and rations as the troops of the United States.

Resolved, That, in case of invasion or insurrection, the President of the United States shall have the power to call into actual service such portion or portions of the select Militia as may be deemed necessary for the common defence.

Resolved, That no select Militiaman shall be called into actual service for more than one year."

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to the committee last appointed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill transferring for a limited time the jurisdiction of suits and offences from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties in respect to invalid pensions to the Attorney of the said District; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Irvine, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to encourage the recruiting service; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

An engrossed bill transferring for a limited time the jurisdiction of suits and offences from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties in respect to invalid pensions, to the Attorney of the said District, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties in respect to invalid pensioners, to the Attorney of the said District."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry merchants in the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying an extension of the term of credit allowed by law for the payment of the duties imposed on articles the growth or manufacture of the West India Islands, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That William McGilton, who presented a petition to this House on the tenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, have leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the petitions of Thomas Garney and others, fishermen, employed in the fishing business in the town of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, and of William Knight and others, owners of fishing vessels employed in the said town of Marblehead, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Lyman, Mr. Wingate, and Mr. Holten; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act allowing to Major General La Fayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled; Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth :

“UNITED STATES, 25th March, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

The two letters which I now forward to Congress, were written by a Consul of the United States, and contain information which will probably be thought to require some pecuniary provision.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Lee, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Page; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the conference desired by this House, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled “An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes,” and have appointed managers at the said conference on their part : The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled “An act to authorize the President of the United States, in certain cases, to alter the place for holding a session of Congress.” And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

“*Resolved*, That provision be made by law to prohibit, for a term not exceeding ——— days, all trade from the United States to the American territories or dependencies of any European nation.

To prohibit, for a like term, the exportation of all articles, the growth or product of the West Indies, out of the United States; and to provide that no ship or vessel be cleared out from any port or district within the United States, till bonds, with sufficient surety, be given to the proper Officer of the Customs, in a sum equal to the whole value of the cargo on board such ship or vessel, conditioned that the same shall not be landed at any of the places prohibited by law; and that certificates of the landing at some other place, be produced in a given time.

That the President of the United States be authorized to take off the said prohibitions; if the Legislature shall not be in session; and that he be further authorized, at any time during their next recess, to lay an embargo on the ships or vessels of the United States, or on any foreign ships or vessels in the ports or harbors of the United States, or both; and to prohibit the exportation of any of the products of the United States, or of any other goods, wares, or merchandise, to such kingdom or country as he may judge necessary : *Provided*, That such embargo shall not continue for a longer term than ——— at any one time.”

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolution; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the said resolution, being further amended at the Clerk’s table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an embargo be laid on all ships and vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place for the term of thirty days, and that no clearances be furnished during that time to any ship or vessel bound to such foreign port or place, except ships or vessels under the immediate directions of the President of the United States; and that the President of the United States be authorized to give such instructions to the Revenue Officers of the United States, as shall appear best adapted for carrying the said resolution into full effect.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and report a state of facts, with their opinion thereupon, relative to a settlement made by the State of North Carolina, for certain claims against the United States, and paid by her to individuals of that State,

which it is suggested would have been allowed under the act of the twenty-seventh of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An act providing for the settlement of the claims of persons under particular circumstances, barred by the limitations heretofore established," if they had been presented by the individuals themselves.

Ordered, That Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Irvine, be a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.

A petition of Leffert Lefferts and Thomas Carpenter, of the city and State of New York, for themselves and Jeremiah Condry and William Condry, of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be exonerated from the payment of the duties imposed upon foreign vessels, to which they will be subjected, in the case of the brigantine Susan and Polly, the property of the petitioners, whose register, owing to a variety of unforeseen causes, was not recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Bailey; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several petitions of James Hall, of Brian Mona, of Stark Brown, of James Wright, of Peter Nagel, Henry Geiser, and John Nick, of Nicholas Tuttle, of Michael Wisler and Daniel Murray, of Thomas Boyd, of Patrick Carryl, and of Theodosia Ford, in behalf of themselves, or as the legal representatives of others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or injuries sustained, in the Army or Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Henry Bower, of the county of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain continental loan office certificate, the property of the petitioner, which, by an unavoidable accident, has been lost or destroyed. Also,

A petition of John Robinson, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered to the United States, in the second and twelfth regiments of the Pennsylvania line, during the late war, of which he has been hitherto debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Hezekiah Wetmore was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered, and expenses incurred, as a Deputy Paymaster General in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, in certain cases, to alter the place of holding a session of Congress," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time,

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracey, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to establish the post office and post roads within the United States, reported an amendatory bill; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House for laying an embargo on all ships or vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place, for the term of thirty days, with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment, and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Heath, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of fifteen members, be appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means :

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. William Smith, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Grove, Mr. Orr, Mr. Madison, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Christie, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Watts, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Ames, Mr. Gilman, and Mr. Latimer.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making certain alterations in the act for establishing the judicial courts of the United States, and altering the time and place of holding certain courts; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolve "for laying an embargo on all ships or vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place, for the term of thirty days," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lee, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States of the twenty-fifth instant, enclosing two letters from Fulwar Skipwith, Consul of the United States at Martinique, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act allowing to Major General La Fayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States." Also, an enrolled resolve "for laying an embargo on all ships or vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place, for the term of thirty days."

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for continuing and regulating embargoes in the United States, and that Mr. Dexter, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Goodhue, be the said committee.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

A memorial of sundry merchants, mariners, and others, citizens of the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and of the county of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt such measures as, in their wisdom, may be deemed most expedient and effectual to obtain redress for the vexations and spoiliations committed on the commerce of the United States, by the subjects of Great Britain, under the authority of that Government, and by the citizens and subjects of other foreign countries.

Ordered, That the said memorial be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hartley, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes," made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That, instead of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the first section of the said bill, the said first section be amended by striking out from the word "stores," in the second line, to the word "Provided," in the eighth line, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words following, to wit: "There shall be established, under the direction of the President of the United States, three or four arsenals, with magazines, as he shall judge most expedient, in such places as will best accommodate the different parts of the United States; either, or both, of the arsenals heretofore used at Springfield and Carlisle to be continued as part of the said number, at his discretion."

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the amendments to the third and sixth sections of the said bill.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to all the other amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-sixth instant, approve and sign a resolve, which originated in this House, "laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the United States, for the term of thirty days;" also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to provide a Naval armament."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen Paraque." I am also directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to allow to Major General Lafayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom it was referred to report the means of rendering the force of the United States more efficient, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions: "Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for the sequestration of all the debts due from the citizens of the United States to the subjects of the King of Great Britain.

"Resolved, That provision ought, in like manner, to be made for securing the payment of all such debts into the Treasury of the United States, there to be held as a pledge for the indemnification of such of the citizens of the said States as shall have suffered from the ships of war, privateers, or from any person, or description of persons, acting under the commission or authority of the British King, in contravention of the laws of nations, and in violation of the rights of neutrality."

Ordered, That the said resolutions be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolutions under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolutions.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions:" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House, in

lieu of the amendments of the Senate to the first section of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes:" The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the sixth section; and insist on their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the third section of the said bill. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to reconsider the amendment of the Senate, disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the third section of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 28th March, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

In the execution of the resolution of Congress, bearing date the twenty-sixth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and imposing an embargo, I have requested the Governors of the several States to call forth the force of their militia, if it should be necessary for the detention of vessels. This power is conceived to be incidental to an embargo.

It also deserves the attention of Congress, how far the clearances from one district to another, under the law as it now stands, may give rise to evasions of the embargo. As one security, the Collectors have been instructed to refuse to receive the surrender of coasting licenses, for the purpose of taken out registers, and to require bond from registered vessels, bound from one district to another, for the delivery of the cargo within the United States.

It is not understood that the resolution applies to fishing vessels, although their occupations lie, generally, in parts beyond the United States: But without further restrictions, there is an opportunity of their privileges being used as means of eluding the embargo.

All armed vessels, possessing public commissions from any foreign power (letters of marque excepted) are considered as not liable to the embargo.

These circumstances are transmitted to Congress for their consideration.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Dexter, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Goodhue: that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills; one, entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen Paraque;" and another, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, in certain cases, to alter the place for holding a Session of Congress:" Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, but come to no resolution thereupon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 31.

The several petitions of Peter Grobe, of Theodore Andruss, of John Lynch, and of Abigail Fairwether, widow of John Fairwether, deceased, in behalf of themselves, or as legal representatives of others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for military services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Thomas Miller, of the State of Virginia, was presented to the House

and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the hire of a wagon and team, which were taken into the service of the United States, by order of George Rice, Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General, at Albemarle Barracks, in the said State, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Page, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Winston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of William Lightfoot, of Chester County, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for eight beeves and one horse, the property of the petitioner, which were taken for the use of a detachment of the American Army, under the command of Lieutenant John Hughes, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Clark, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Hancock; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Daniel Barnet, and James Worley, executors of Barnet Eichelberger, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the services of the deceased, as a Captain in Colonel Hartley's regiment of the American Army, during the late war, of which they have been hitherto debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation.

Ordered, that the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the State of Connecticut was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniencies to which they are subjected, from being obliged to register, enter, and clear their vessels at the port of New London, and praying that a port of entry may be established at Middletown, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Dexter, from the committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-eighth instant, relative to the execution of the resolve laying an embargo, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, during the continuance of the present embargo no registered vessel, having on board goods, wares, or merchandise, shall be allowed to depart from one port of the United States, to any other port within the same, unless the master, owner, consignee, or factor, shall first give bond, with one or more sureties, to the Collector of the District from which she is about to depart, in a sum of double the value of the vessel and cargo, that the said goods, wares, or merchandise, shall be re-landed in some port of the United States; which bond, and also a certificate from the Collector of the District where the same may be re-landed, shall, by the Collectors, respectively, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury. That the several Collectors be prohibited from granting a clearance to any foreign ship or vessel, in any case whatever, during the continuance of the present embargo, and all armed vessels, possessing public commissions from any foreign Power, (letters of marque excepted,) are to be considered as not liable to the embargo.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for placing buoys on certain rocks off the harbor of New London, and in Providence River," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties in respect to invalid pensioners, to the Attorney of the said district." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Kittera, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Margaret Knox, and of William Simonton, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to a resolution to carry into more complete

effect, the resolution directing an embargo; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and the same being read, was disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Talbot, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Peter Rutan, John Gates, and John Ostrander, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, to carry into more complete effect the resolution directing an embargo: The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth, who was killed in the service of the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions,

And the first, second, third, and fourth resolutions, being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by House, as follow:

"1. *Resolved*, That effectual measures ought to be adopted, to complete the present Military Establishment of the United States, and that provision ought to be made, that the same may be kept full.

"2. *Resolved*, That an additional corps of Artillery, not to exceed eight hundred men, officers included, and also including one chief, and four assistant Engineers, ought to be raised for garrisoning the fortifications, which are or may be erected, for the defence of the sea coasts.

"3. *Resolved*, That the President be authorized and empowered to call on the Executives of the several States, to take effectual measures, as soon as may be, to organize, and hold in readiness to march at a moment's warning, eighty thousand effective militia, (officers included,) to be apportioned to the States respectively, in proportion to the whole number of white inhabitants; that is to say:

To the State of Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,333
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,550
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,331
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,532
Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,377
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,418
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,256
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,768
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,318
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,971
Vermont,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,139
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,881
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,697
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,885
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,544

80,000

Which detachment of militia shall be officered out of the present militia officers, or others, at the option and discretion of the constitutional authority of the States, respectively.

"4. *Resolved*, That any independent corps of Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry, may be accepted, as part of the said detachment of militia, provided they shall voluntarily engage; and provided the same shall be deemed eligible by the President."

The fifth resolution was twice read at the Clerk's table, amended, and agreed to by the House, as followeth.

"*Resolved*, That the President be desired to request the Executives of the several States, to take effectual care that the whole of the militia, as well as the men detached as aforesaid, be armed and equipped according to law.

The sixth resolution was twice read at the Clerk's table, and debate arising thereupon, An adjournment was called for: Whereupon, The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the County of Washington, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of the act, entitled "An act concerning the duties on spirits distilled within the United States." Also,

The petitions of sundry inhabitants of the Counties of Chester and Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Moore, Mr. Smilie, Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Sprigg, with instruction to examine the same, and report to the House, the general operation and effect of the excise in the United States, and the nett amount of revenue arising therefrom.

A memorial of Joseph Barnard, of the City of Hudson, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a brigantine, the property of the memorialist, which was captured by the enemy, in consequence of an impressment of her hands, and a change in the destination of her voyage, made by Captain John Paul Jones, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of David Porter, master of the revenue cutter called the Active, on the Maryland station, was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of certain sums of money, which he advanced for the use of the seamen on board the said revenue cutter, in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Wingate; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon to the House.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth, who was killed in the service of the United States," was read the first time.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for placing buoys on certain rocks off the harbor of New London, and in Providence river;" and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hartley, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Lewis Garanger, in behalf of himself and his brother Charles Garanger, made a report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes;" and another, entitled "An act transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences, from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties, in respect to invalid pensioners, to the Attorney of the said district;" also, an enrolled resolve to carry into more complete effect the resolution directing an embargo; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Griffith Jones, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Greenup, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas Faulkner, Edward Faulkner, Simeon Chester, William Laurance, and Joseph Green, and others, refugees from Nova Scotia and Canada, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Preston, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of Germans, residing in the State of Virginia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Heister, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Johnson, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the sixth resolution, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and the same being amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for organizing and raising a military force, under the authority of the Government of the United States, to consist of twenty-five thousand men, rank and file, with the proper officers, to serve for the term of — years, or during a war which may break out between the United States and any foreign European Power.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the foregoing resolution, and to the resolutions agreed to yesterday, and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Parker, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Pickens, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish the post office and post roads within the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth, who was killed in the service of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Gilbert, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Leffert Leferts and Thomas Carpenter, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to grant to the citizens of the United States commissions of marque and reprisals against the Regencies of Algiers, Tripoli, and Tunis:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Simpson, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes;" another entitled "An act transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences, from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties, in respect to invalid pensioners, to the Attorney of the said District;" another entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, in certain cases, to alter the place for holding a session of Congress;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen Paraque;" also, an enrolled resolve to carry into more complete effect the resolution directing an embargo.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to establish the post office and post roads of the United States; and the said amendments being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question being put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for placing buoys on certain rocks off the harbor of New London, and in Providence River, and other places," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to provide for the erecting and repairing of arsenals and magazines, and for other purposes;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen Paraque;" also a resolve, which originated in this House, "to carry into more complete effect the resolution directing an embargo."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the reports of the Secretary of War on sixty petitions, which were laid before the House on the seventeenth of March last, be referred to a committee to select such cases as appear to merit the attention of the Legislature; and that Mr. Lee, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Heister, Mr. Mebane, and Mr. Gordon, be the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Arthur St. Clair; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said report, and that it be re-committed to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Hindman.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

A petition of Joseph Biggs and Elijah Hodges, of the County of Ohio, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received while in the actual service of the United States, on an expedition against the Indians, some time in the month of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Venable, and Mr. Rutherford; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Eli Skinner, of Shelburne, in the State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain final settlement certificate, the property of the petitioner, which was burnt, or otherwise destroyed, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine. Also,

A petition of Augustine Seaton, of the State of Virginia, praying compensation for the value of two wagons and teams, the property of the petitioner, which were taken for the use of Colonel Grayson's Regiment of the late American Army; also, that he may be reimbursed a certain sum of money, which he advanced for supplies of clothing to the said Regiment, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the seventh of February last, to report whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are, in their opinion, necessary in the act, entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels;" also, in the act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels, to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" also, in the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" and, also, if any, and what, further legislative provision may be necessary for the securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas; be instructed to report by way of bill or bills.

Mr. Talbot, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Dubois, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Simmons, and the petition of James Bingham, and others, gaugers for the District of New York, made reports; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences, from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties, in respect to invalid pensioners, to the Attorney of the said District."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to encourage the recruiting service; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, in certain cases, to alter the place for holding a session of Congress." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the twenty-seventh of February last, providing for the payment of the interest on the balances credited certain States, in the books of the Treasury; and, also, for the payment, by annual instalments, of the balances due from sundry of the States, on a final settlement of the accounts between the United States and individual States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

An engrossed bill to encourage the recruiting service, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to encourage the recruiting service."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to establish the post office and post roads within the United States, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of the Representatives of the People of the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying that such measures may be adopted as may be deemed most expedient and effectual for the protection and preservation of the inhabitants of the said Territory, from the hostile incursions of the Indians; also, for the releasement from slavery of such of the citizens of the United States, as are now in captivity at Algiers.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Carnes, Mr. Blount, Mr. Mebane, Mr. Pickens, and Mr. Preston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 4th April, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you three letters from our Minister in London; advices concerning the Algerine mission, from our Minister at Lisbon, and others; and a letter from the Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic to the Secretary of State, with his answer.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jabez Johnson, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Madison, from the Joint Committee of the two Houses, appointed to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in the present session, and what part of the business, now depending, may be, without great inconvenience, postponed until the next session, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of William Moore and of Henry King, made reports; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Page, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Miller, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill entitled "An act limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said amendments.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for placing buoys off the harbor of New London, and in Providence River, and other places."

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the twenty-first of February last, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills on the resolutions providing ways and means for defraying the cost of a Naval armament, and the annual expense thereof, be discharged from farther proceeding in the same, and that the said resolutions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 7.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Salem, Beverly, and Danvers, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of the existing laws of Congress, granting bounties to vessels employed in the fisheries of the United States, so that the Collectors of the Customs may be authorized and directed to pay, both for the last year, and in future, upon all vessels above thirty tons burthen, and not exceeding sixty-eight tons, the addition of twenty per centum to the allowance of two dollars and a half for each and every ton of such vessel's admeasurement.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Lyman, Mr. Wingate, and Mr. Holten; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Benjamin Mumford, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for his services as a post-rider from Newport to New London, in the State of Connecticut, from October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, to October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the memorial of Joseph Hull, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Lee, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Heister, Mr. Mebane, and Mr. Gordon; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Oliver Pollock, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and expenses incurred, as Commercial Agent for the United States, at the Havana, between the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight; as also, for sundry advances, made on account of the United States, during the same period. Also,

A petition of C. A. Kierrulf, a native of Sweden, now residing in the city of Philadelphia, praying the patronage of Congress, as a Professor of Moral Philosophy, in some public seminary of learning.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to augment the military force of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That, until the Government of Great Britain shall cause restitution to be made for all losses and damages sustained by the citizens of the United States, from armed vessels, or from any person or persons acting under commission or authority of the British King, contrary to the laws of nations, and in violation of the rights of neutrality; and also, until all the posts, now held and detained by the King of Great Britain, within the territories of the United States, shall be surrendered and given up, all commercial intercourse between the citizens of the United States and the subjects of the King of Great Britain, so far as the same respects articles of the growth or manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland, shall be prohibited; provided such prohibition shall not extend to vessels, or their cargoes, arriving in any of the ports of the United States, before the — day of — next:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill directing a detachment from the militia of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fifth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for placing buoys on certain rocks off the harbor of New London, and in Providence river, and other places."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for raising and organizing a corps of artillerists and engineers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the second instant, authorizing the President of the United States to grant to the citizens of the United States commissions of marque and reprisals against the Regencies of Algiers, Tripoli, and Tunis; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to grant to the citizens of the United States, commissions of marque and reprisals against the Regencies of Algiers and Tunis.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Parker, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the twenty-seventh of February last, providing for the payment of the interest on the balances credited certain States in the books of the Treasury; also, for the payment, by annual instalments, of the balances due from sundry of the States, on the final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law, for payment of the interest on the balances credited certain States in the books of the Treasury, upon the final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Thatcher, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to grant letters of marque and reprisal against the Regencies of Algiers and Tunis; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY. APRIL 8.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that further time may be allowed for the payment of the duties on sundry articles of the growth and manufacture of the French West India Islands, which they have imported into the United States, under circumstances of relief and accommodation to sundry of the distressed inhabitants of the Island of Saint Domingo. Also,

A memorial of Oliver and Thompson, of the town of Baltimore, praying that certain errors made to the injury of the memorialists, in the payment of the duties on fifteen boxes of Irish linens, and thirty pipes of Madeira wine, imported into the United States in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, may be rectified.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Page, and Mr. Coles; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Samuel Royer, of Franklin county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of losses sustained by the petitioner, in the purchase of cattle for the use of the American Army, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Joze Roiz Silva, of the city of New York, merchant, praying that he may be permitted to send the ship called the King David, with her cargo, from the port of New York to Oporto, in Portugal, she being actually cleared out for the place of her destination, previous to the arrival of any account of an embargo being laid by the United States on all vessels bound to foreign ports.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of Bryan Mona, and others, late soldiers in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying a liquidation and settlement of their claims for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Carnes, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Nicholas; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the representation from the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, respecting the adjustment of a claim of that State against the United States, for the expense of sundry expeditions against the Indians; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to fortify the City of Annapolis, and that Mr. Murray, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, and Mr. Williams, be the said committee.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine into, and report on, the practicability of obtaining a statement of the principles on which the accounts of the individual States with the United States, have been settled, and a statement of the several credits allowed in the said settlement:”

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
 { Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
William J. Dawson,

Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,

William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
William Irvine,
Henry Latimer,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,

John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Thomas Sprigg,
Thomas Tredwell,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Francis Walker,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Isaac Coles,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
William B. Giles,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,

Samuel Holten,
John Hunter,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
Paine Wingate, and
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That Mr. Forest be added to the committee to whom was re-committed the report of the committee on the petition of Arthur St. Clair, in the room of Mr. Hindman.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for erecting a light-house on the Island of Seguin, in the District of Maine; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Leffert Lefferts and Thomas Carpenter: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Collector for the District of New York be authorized and directed to remit to Leffert Lefferts, Thomas Carpenter, Jeremiah Condy, and William Condy, owners of the brigantine called Susan and Polly, the duties and imposts of tonnage, which may be incurred in consequence of the incompetent or invalid register of the said brigantine.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Bailey, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for

his pension for life; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to select and report such parts of the confidential communications made by the President of the United States on the twenty-fourth of February last, as are proper to be made public; and that Mr. Lyman, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne, be the said committee.

Mr. Gilbert, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Leffert Lefferts, and others; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Nicholas Rieb; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Accountant to the Department of War be directed to adjust and settle the account of Peter Rieb, late an artificer in Colonel Benjamin Flower's regiment of artillery, in the service of the United States, from the first of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, being the time of his enlistment, until the twenty-second of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, on the same principle on which the accounts of those who served in the same corps were adjusted and settled.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Findley, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Gilbert, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the River Ohio, between the little Miami and Sciota;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That the second and sixth sections of the said act be repealed; and that, in lieu thereof, the President of the United States be authorized to issue patents to any grantee or grantees, their heirs or assigns, upon application of such grantee or grantees, their heirs or assigns; provided that the plat or plats, duly authenticated, of the location and surveys of such lands, be first returned to the office of the Secretary of State.

Resolved, That provision be made by law, that all locations and surveys heretofore duly made upon the said lands, agreeably to the present laws and regulations of the State of Virginia, by, or on account of, the said troops, be ratified and confirmed.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Heath, Mr. Neville, and Mr. Orr, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of David Porter, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred, on the eighth of January last, the petition of Erasmus Pierce, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to consider and report on the propriety of remitting the duty on imported bar iron, in certain cases; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That Benjamin Keeff, who presented a petition to this House on the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, have leave to withdraw the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the bill to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land warrant issued to him for services in the late American Army; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Carnes, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Representatives of the People South of the River Ohio, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.

An engrossed bill for erecting a light-house on the Island of Seguin, in the District of Maine, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for erecting a light-house on the Island of Seguin, in the District of Maine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Leffert Lefferts, and others, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Leffert Lefferts, and others."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land-warrant issued to him for services in the late American Army, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land warrant issued to him for services in the late American Army."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Gibbon, Treasurer of the State of Georgia, was presented to the House and read, praying that separate certificates may be issued for the pay of the officers of the late Georgia line, agreeably to a general certificate of the list of balances due to them, signed by the late Commissioner of Army Accounts, and lodged in the Treasury of the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the seventh instant, to prohibit all commercial intercourse between the citizens of the United States and the subjects of the King of Great Britain, so far as the same respects articles of the growth or manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

Mr. Heath, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the River Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

And, on the question that the House do agree to the said amendments, It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a lighthouse on the head land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Occacock Island, in the State of North Carolina," be discharged from the consideration of the same; and that the said bill, together with the representation of Richard Wade, and others, and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, be committed to Mr. Blount, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Dearborn.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the seventh instant to prohibit all commercial intercourse between the citizens of the United States and the subjects of the King of Great Britain, so far as the same respects articles of the growth or manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the seventh instant, to prohibit all commercial intercourse between the citizens of the United States and the subjects of the King of Great Britain, so far as the same respects articles of the growth or manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 14.

A petition of Philip Allen and Zachariah Allen, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be exonerated from the payment of the duty imposed on foreign vessels, to which they will be subjected in the case of the ship *Marie Indienne*, which was purchased by the petitioners in the Isle of France, to bring home the cargo of the brigantine *Abigail*, an American bottom, which was rendered unfit for the voyage, and incapable of being repaired: also, that a special act may be passed, authorizing the Collector of the District of Providence to register the said ship as a vessel of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Foster, and

Mr. Shearjashub Bourne; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Joseph White, of the town of Gerry, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the reward of five hundred dollars, allowed by a resolution and proclamation of the United States in Congress assembled, dated the second of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, for his services in apprehending and bringing to conviction a certain James Bowers, for forging or altering the certificates issued by the late Paymaster General and Commissioner of Army Accounts.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Lee, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Heister, Mr. Mebane, and Mr. Gordon; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Oliver Pollock, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Murray, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to "An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the City of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress may adopt such measures as in their wisdom shall be deemed most expedient and effectual for placing the said City of Annapolis in a state of defence.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee last appointed.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the present embargo be continued, and every regulation concerning the same shall be in full force until the — day of —.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the seventh instant, to prohibit all commercial intercourse between the citizens of the United States, and the subjects of the King of Great Britain, so far as the same respects articles of the growth or manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15.

Several remonstrances from citizens of the United States, West of the Allegany Mountains, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, stating their right to a free enjoyment of the navigation of the river Mississippi, and praying that the General Government will adopt such measures, as shall be most expedient and effectual to secure the same from encroachment by the citizens or subjects of foreign countries.

Ordered, That the said remonstrances be referred to Mr. Lee, Mr. Orr, Mr. Pickens, Mr. Rutherford, and Mr. Montgomery; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Blount, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house on the head land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Occacock Island, in the State of North Carolina," made a report; which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hillhouse, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon the final settlement of the accounts between the individual States and the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

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John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,

Thomas Sprigg,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Henry Dearborn,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
Samuel Holten,

John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Paine Wingate.

And then an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

A petition of William Parsons, of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, by his Attorney, Stephen Parsons, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a seaman on board the American sloop of war called the Ranger, commanded by Captain Thomas Simpson, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Sherburne, Mr. M'Dowell, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of Post Saint Vincennes, referred to in the President's message of yesterday, be referred to Mr. Clark, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Scott, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Blount; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House resumed the reading of the communications referred to in the message of yesterday from the President of the United States; and went through the same.

Ordered, That the said communications do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land warrant issued to him for services in the late American Army." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for the relief of Leffert

Lefferts and others ;" and another entitled "An act to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land warrant issued to him for services in the late American Army ;" and found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of the public credit ; and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the fourteenth instant, to continue the present embargo on ships or vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the present embargo be continued, and every regulation concerning the same shall be in full force, until the twenty-fifth day of May next :

Provided, That nothing in this resolution be construed as intended to contravene any rights or privileges arising out of treaty or treaties, between any foreign nation and the United States : *And provided also*, That the President of the United States be authorized to permit the sailing of any vessel, for the sole purpose of lodging in the Courts of Vice Admiralty, in any of the West India Islands, appeals from sentences or decrees of the said Courts, whereby vessels or cargoes, claimed by American citizen or citizens, have been condemned : *Provided*, That bond, with sufficient security, be previously given, that such vessel shall not, directly or indirectly, carry on any commerce whatsoever, during the voyage.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions ;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Leffert Lefferts and others ;" and another entitled "An act to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land warrant issued to him for services in the late American Army."

Mr. William Smith, from the Standing Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Abram Trigg, complaining of an undue election and return of Francis Preston, to serve as a member of this House, for the State of Virginia, made a report ; which was read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the hearing on the trial of the said contested election be proceeded on in the House on Tuesday next, Mr. Speaker in the chair.

Mr. Tracey, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Leighton Wood, junior, Joseph Stretch, and Joshua Dawson, in behalf of themselves and other Clerks in the Treasury Department, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the eighteenth of March last, relative to an advance of money, requested by the Minister of the French Republic, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

Two memorials of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz, of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, merchants, were presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the amount of the drawback on a certain quantity of coffee, the property of the memorialists, exported from the port of Charleston, and duly landed at Amsterdam, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one ; also, on a quantity of brandy exported from the said port of Charleston, and duly landed at

Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancecock,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
John Hunter,
William Irvine,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,

Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Joseph Neville,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 John Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Thomas Scott,
 John S. Sherburne,

John Smilie,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Israel Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable,
 Francis Walker,
 Benjamin Williams,
 Richard Winn, and,
 Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Elias Boudinot,
 Shearjashub Bourne,
 Benjamin Bourne,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 David Cobb,
 Peleg Coffin,
 Joshua Coit,
 Samuel Dexter,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Uriah Torest,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 James Gordon,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Hillhouse,
 William Hindman,

Samuel Holtman,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Amasa Learned,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 Francis Malbone,
 William Vans Murray,
 Nathaniel Niles,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 William Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Uriah Tracey,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,
 Artemas Ward,
 John Watts, and
 Paine Wingate.

An amendment and modification of the said resolution being then moved and second-
 ed, and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 21.

A petition of Benjamin Folger, of the City of Hudson, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, in opposition to the petition of Jonathan Jenkins, of the island of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, which was presented on the twenty-first ultimo.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Coffin, Mr. Holten, and Mr. Murray, to whom was referred the petition of the said Jonathan Jenkins; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the copy of the Laws of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, which accompanied the message from the President of the United States of the twenty-first of January last, be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Hunter, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Coit.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Friday last, wait on the President of the United States and present for his approbation an enrolled resolve to continue the present embargo on ships or vessels in the ports of the United States bound to any foreign port or place.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the eighteenth instant, approve and sign a resolve which originated in this House, to continue the present embargo on ships or vessels in the ports of the United States bound to any foreign port or place; also,

William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Thomas Tredwell,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Samuel Dexter,
Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Paine Wingate.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Clark, Mr. Madison, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Carnes, and Mr. Grove, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was re-committed the report of the committee on the memorial of Arthur St. Clair, made an amendatory report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Holten have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Lee, from the committee to whom were referred the reports of the Secretary of War of the seventeenth of March last, on sixty petitions, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Venable, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Carr, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill directing a detachment from the Militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Clark, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Lightfoot, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for raising and organizing a corps of artillerists and engineers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States;" and the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Benjamin Bourne, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Allen and Zachariah Allen, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23.

An engrossed bill directing a detachment from the militia of the United States, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act directing a detachment from the militia of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill providing for raising and organizing a corps of artillerists and engineers was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for raising and organizing a corps of artillerists and engineers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lee, from the committee to whom were referred several remonstrances from the citizens of the United States West of the Allegany Mountains, respecting the navigation of the river Mississippi, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of State, on the petition of Stephen Sayre; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Parker, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Bailey; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Christie, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Tobias Rudolph, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clark, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to suspend the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Bell, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, for striking out the twenty-first section of the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States." The Senate insist on their tenth amendment to the first section; also, to their amendment for adding a new section to follow the twenty-seventh section of the said bill; and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider so much of the said message as desires a conference on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said conference, and that Mr. Tracey, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Sedgwick, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House to acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Louis Ayott, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom were referred several remonstrances from citizens of the United States West of the Alleghany Mountains, respecting the navigation of the river Mississippi, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying the translation of an address from the Representatives of the French People, members of the Committee of Public Safety, to the Congress of the United States; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to suspend the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was further amended at the Clerk's table; and, on the question that the said bill, together with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas57,
 { Nays34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Isaac Coles,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
John Hunter,
William Irvine,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,

James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Thomas Tredwell,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Samuel Dexter,

Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,

Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne.

David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Samuel Dexter,
Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,

Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Paine Wingate.

Resolved, That that the title of the said bill be, "An act to suspend the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, accompanying a statement of the cases of all claimants to be placed on the pension list of the United States, who have obtained certificates from the Judges of the Circuit Courts signed as Commissioners, and also from the Judge of the District of Maine; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Tracey, Mr. Tredwell, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Irvine, and Mr. Thatcher; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life," and, the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of J. Samsing, a native of Norway, but now residing in the town of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying that the ship called Prince Carl of Hesse, owned by a subject of the King of Denmark, and commanded by the petitioner, may be released from the operation of the present embargo, and that the said ship, together with her cargo, may be allowed to proceed from the port of Baltimore, to the place of her destination in Europe. Also,

A petition of James Crawford, consignee, in behalf of Hendrick Hendrickson, of the Kingdom of Denmark, now at Marcus Hook, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that he may be permitted to send the ship Hendrick, with her cargo, to the Island of St. Thomas, in the Danish West Indies, she being owned by Messrs. Miller, Kerkoff, and Company, of the said island, and actually cleared out at the port of Philadelphia, for the place of her destination, previous to the arrival of any account of an embargo being laid by the United States on all vessels bound to foreign ports.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Samuel Smith; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of the merchants, and others, inhabitants of the town of Norwich, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying that the most speedy and effectual measures may be adopted by Congress, to obtain restitution for the depredations committed on the property of the citizens of the United States by the subjects of Great Britain, under the authority of that Government.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the motion of the twenty-seventh ultimo, for the sequestration of all the debts due from the citizens of the United States to the subjects of the King of Great Britain.

A petition of Samuel Barrett, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a balance due to him for services as a sailmaker, employed by the late Navy Board of the United States, in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dexter, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Cadwalader; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several petitions of Thomas Burbridge, by Robert Hunter, his attorney; of Adolph Chryselius and John B. Ward; of Eleanor Diamond, administratrix of William

Scott, deceased; of Francis Monty, in behalf of himself and son; of John Nicholson, junior, and Nathan Garrett; of James O'Harra; of Bridget Parry; of Thomas Price and Matthias Mourer, by John Winter, their attorney; of James Reilly, in behalf of himself and others; of James Scott; and of John Stoner, by Gideon Merkal, his attorney; were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Tracey, Mr. Tredwell, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Irvine, and Mr. Thatcher; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Coffin, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Jonathan Jenkins and of Benjamin Folger, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Forest have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Findley, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Nicholas Rieb; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On a motion, made and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the letter of the Committee of Public Safety of the French Republic, addressed to Congress, be transmitted to the President of the United States, and that he be requested to cause the same to be answered on behalf of this House, in terms expressive of their sensibility for the friendly and affectionate manner in which they have addressed the Congress of the United States, with an unequivocal assurance that the Representatives of the People of the United States have much interest in the happiness and prosperity of the French Republic.

Ordered, That Mr. William Smith and Mr. Parker be a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

Ordered, That the amendatory report of the committee to whom was recommitted the report on the memorial of Arthur St. Clair, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: the Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to encourage the recruiting service," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the amendment proposed to the first section, and doth agree to the amendment to the fourth section of the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing the copy of a contract made with the Bank of the United States, transmitted pursuant to the resolution of this House of the twenty-eighth of February last; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill providing for the payment of the second installment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26.

The House proceeded to the hearing on the trial of the contested election in the case of the petition of Abram Trigg, complaining of an undue election and return of Francis Preston, to serve as a member of this House for the State of Virginia: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioner, on his prayer, be admitted to the bar of the House, to be heard in support of the allegations of his petition.

The depositions and other exhibits, as well on behalf of the petitioner, as of the sitting member, being partly read,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

Ordered, That all farther proceedings on the said hearing be adjourned until Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 28.

Another member, to wit: Alexander Gillon, from South Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to suspend the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise." And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the hearing on the trial of the contested election in the case of the petition of Abram Trigg, complaining of an undue election and return of Francis Preston, to serve as a member of this House for the State of Virginia; and the depositions and other exhibits in the said case being fully read,

Ordered, That all farther proceeding on the trial of the said contested election be adjourned until to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendments disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and post roads within the United States," and do agree to the said amendments, with an amendment and modification of the same, agreeably to the report of the Joint Committee of Conference. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment and modification; and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate adhere to their amendment disagreed to by this House to the first section of the bill, entitled "An act to encourage the recruiting service." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendment adhered to; and that Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Findley, and Mr. Macon, be appointed managers at the said conference on the part of this House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making certain alterations in the act for establishing the Judicial Courts of the United States, and altering the time of holding certain Courts; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29.

A petition of John London, and Elizabeth, his wife, of the State of Georgia, legal representatives of William Lamberth, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered and supplies furnished by the deceased, as a Lieutenant of the Bullock Galley, commanded by Commodore Oliver Bowen, in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Israel Smith, and Mr. Van Allen; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for raising and organizing a corps of artillerists and engineers." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Allen and Zachariah Allen: Whereupon,

The resolution submitted to the House by the committee being read, in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That the Collector of the Customs for the District of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, be authorized and directed to receive no other or higher duties on the goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the said District, in March last, in the ship *Marie Indienne*, otherwise called the *Abigail*, Scott Jenks, master, than would have been payable if the said goods, wares, and merchandise, had been imported in a ship or vessel of the United States," was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House:

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the conference desired by this House on the subject-matter of the amendment disagreed to by this House, and adhered to by the Senate, to the first section of the bill, entitled "An act to encourage the recruiting service," and have appointed managers at the said conference on their behalf. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the hearing on the trial of the contested election in the case of the petition of Abram Trigg, complaining of an undue election and return of Francis Preston, to serve as a Member of this House for the State of Virginia; and the observations, in writing, of the petitioner, on the depositions and other exhibits in the said case, being read, and the sitting Member fully heard in his defence, the parties retired from the bar.

The House then proceeded to a decision on the said contested election; and, after debate thereon, the question being put, that the House do agree to the resolution reported by the Committee of Elections, in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That Francis Preston is not duly elected a Member of this House:"

It passed in the negative.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.

A petition of Samuel Franklin, William T. Robinson, and Abraham Franklin, of the City of New York, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying that the ship called the *Ontario*, the property of the petitioners, may be released from the operation of the present embargo, and that they may be permitted to send the said ship, together with her cargo, from the port of New York to Canton, in China, the place of her destination.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Gilman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom were referred two petitions of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for raising and organizing a corps of artillerists and engineers," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Clark, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Post Saint Vincennes, communicated by a written message from the President of the United States of the fifteenth instant, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to "An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hillhouse, from the committee appointed to report a state of facts, with their

opinion thereon, relative to a settlement made by the State of North Carolina for certain claims against the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act allowing Lieutenant Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit; and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That Mr. Wingate and Mr. Hartley have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 1.

An engrossed bill supplementary to "An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to 'An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Jonathan Jenkins and of Benjamin Folger: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the District Court of the United States for the State of New York, be authorized and empowered to proceed in the trial of the suit instituted in the said Court by Jonathan Jenkins against Benjamin Folger, for the repeal of certain letters patent granted to the said Benjamin Folger, as the original discoverer of the art of separating the gross matter contained in common whale oil, and afterwards rendering such gross matter fit for candles, on the principles established by the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts," passed the tenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Coffin, Mr. Holten, and Mr. Murray, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Ordered, That Edward Telfair and John Wereat, who presented a petition to this House on the twenty-eighth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Watts, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Franklin, William T. Robinson, and Abraham Franklin, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of George Blanchard, in behalf of Edward Blanchard, which was made to this House on the twenty-second of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Cobb; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and post

roads within the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 2.

A memorial of the manufacturers of tobacco in the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the articles of tobacco and snuff, manufactured in the United States, may not be subjected to the excise duty proposed to be laid on them by the report of the Committee of Ways and Means now depending before the House.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and post roads within the United States."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 5.

A memorial of the sugar bakers of the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that sugar refined within the United States may not be subjected to the excise duty proposed to be laid by the report of the Committee of Ways and Means now depending before the House.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means.

A memorial of Charles Bowman, of the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services performed at the risk of his life, in giving information to the Marquis Lafayette of the movements of a detachment of the British troops, some time in the month of May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Gilbert and Jacob Gilbert, of the city of Philadelphia, Contractors for supplying the Army of the United States with clothing, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of the losses they will sustain in furnishing certain articles of clothing at the prices specified in their contract with the Secretary of the Treasury, from the enhanced rates of workmen's wages, occasioned by the late calamity in the city of Philadelphia, as well as from the operation of the present embargo.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Zadock Long, of Somerset county, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services in securing, at the hazard of his life, a boat, together with a quantity of arms and military stores, which he took from the enemy near the island of Montezuma, in the State of New York, and de-

livered to a detachment of the American Army, sometime in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Murray, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Peleg Wadsworth; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Reports of the Secretary of War, of the seventeenth of March last, on sixty petitions, be discharged from so much of the said report as relates to the memorial of Peter Peritt, and that that it be re-committed to Mr. Lee, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Heister, Mr. Mebane, and Mr. Gordon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of coffee, which have been destroyed by fire," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act directing a detachment from the Militia of the United States," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dexter, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of State, on the petition of Stephen Sayre, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Franklin, William T. Robinson, and Abraham Franklin: Whereupon,

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized to direct clearances to be granted to any ships or vessels belonging to citizens of the United States, which are now loaded, bound from any port in the United States for any port beyond the Cape of Good Hope, any thing in the resolution for laying the embargo to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, That, before the Collector of either of the Districts of the United States shall grant clearances, or any such vessel shall sail, the owners thereof shall give sufficient security, to the satisfaction of such Collector, that she shall not unlade her cargo, or any part thereof, at any port or place, previous to her arrival at the Cape of Good Hope.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 6.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of coffee, which have been destroyed by fire," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

A petition of Peter Le Maigre, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties on a quantity of goods imported in the brig Molly, and ship Hope, the property of the petitioner, which were captured

by the British and carried into New Providence, under peculiar circumstances of hardship and distress to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Thomas Flint, of the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services in various departments of the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Stephen Zacharie, Francis Coopman, and John B. Vochez, of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, merchants, and partners in trade, under the firm of Zacharie, Coopman, and Company, praying that they may be allowed the drawback on a quantity of claret, brandy, oil, candles, Geneva, and New England rum, exported from the port of Baltimore, and duly landed at Hispaniola, of which they are possessed of sufficient evidence, although not in the form prescribed by law.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Shearjashub Bourne have leave to be absent from the service of this House after the tenth instant, for the remainder of the session.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act directing a detachment from the Militia of the United States;" and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

• Mr. Coffin, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts;" which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the petition of James Bell: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be authorized to liquidate and settle the accounts of the said James Bell, on equitable principles.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Gordon, Mr. Latimer, and Mr. Grove, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, "to authorize the President to grant clearances in the case of ships or vessels now loaded, and bound to any port beyond the Cape of Good Hope," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment, and, the same being read, was disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendment depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to encourage the recruiting service," made a report; and, the same being read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their disagreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the resolution "to authorize the President to grant clearances in the case of ships or vessels now loaded and bound to any port beyond the Cape of Good Hope." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit, and, if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

A petition of Dennis M'Ready, and others, manufacturers of tobacco and snuff, in the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said articles may not be subjected to the excise duty proposed to be laid on them by the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, now depending before the House. Also,

A memorial of Thomas and Peter Mackie, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, praying that the ship Fame, which was chartered by the memorialists in February last, may be released from the operation of the present embargo; and that the said ship, together with her cargo, may be allowed to proceed from the port of Philadelphia to Amsterdam, in Holland, the place of her destination.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial do lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of coffee, which have been destroyed by fire," was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act directing a detachment from the Militia of the United States;" also, an enrolled resolve "to authorize the President to grant clearances in the case of ships or vessels, now loaded and bound to any port beyond the Cape of Good Hope," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Jacob Craft, who presented a petition to this House, on the twenty-second of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act providing for raising and organizing a corps of Artillerists and Engineers;" and another, entitled "An act directing a detachment from the Militia of the United States;" also, an enrolled resolve "to authorize the President to grant clearances in the case of ships or vessels now loaded and bound to any port beyond the Cape of Good Hope."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a lighthouse on the head-land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Occracock Island, in the State of North Carolina;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time tomorrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States,'" with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of coffee, which have been destroyed by fire," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, further or other revenues are necessary for the support of public credit; and if further revenues are necessary, to report the ways and means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and are as follow:

"1st. *Resolved*, That, from and after the ——— day of ——— next, there be levied, collected, and paid, upon the following articles imported into the United States, in ships or vessels of the United States, with an addition of one-tenth per cent. on like articles imported in any other ships or vessels, the several duties hereinafter mentioned, over and above the duties now paid, to be levied, collected, and paid, in the same manner, by the same officers, subject to the same penalties, and entitled to draw-backs, as the same articles are now subject and entitled to, viz.

On boots, per pair	25 cents.
On shoes and slippers for men and women, and on clogs and goloshoes, per pair	5
On shoes and slippers for children, per pair	3
On millinery ready made, artificial flowers, feathers, and other ornaments for women's head dresses, and on dolls dressed and undressed,	
On cast, slit, and rolled iron, and, generally, on all manufactures of iron, steel, tin, pewter, copper, brass, or of which either of those metals is the article of chief value, not being otherwise particularly enumerated, (brass and iron wire, locks, hinges, hoes, anvils and vises, excepted,)	
On carpets and carpeting,	
On leather tanned or tawed, and, generally, all manufactures of leather, or of which leather is the article of chief value, not otherwise particularly enumerated,	
On medicinal drugs, except those commonly used in dying; on mats and floor-cloths; on hats, caps, and bonnets, of every sort, for women; on gloves, mittens, stockings, fans, buttons of every kind, buckles (shoe and knee,)	
On sheathing and cartridge paper,	
On all powders, pastes, balls, balsams, ointments, oils, waters, washes, tinctures, essences, or other preparations or compositions, commonly called sweet scents or odours, perfumes or cosmetics, and on all dentifrices, powders, or preparations for the teeth or gums,	
On gold, silver, or plated wares, gold and silver lace, jewelry, and paste work, clocks and watches, and the parts of either,	
On groceries, to wit: cinnamon, cloves, mace, nutmegs, ginger, anniseed, currants, dates, prunes, raisins, sugar candy, oranges, lemons, limes, and, generally, all fruits and comfits, olives, capers, pickles of every sort; oil, and mustard in flour;	
On all marble, slate, or other stone; on bricks, tiles, tables, mortars, and other stone, and generally, all stone and earthen ware,	
On cabinet wares, and all manufactures of wood, or of which wood is the material of chief value,	
On carriages, and parts of carriages,	4½ per cent.
On all manufactures of cotton or linen, or of muslins; of cotton and linen, or of which cotton or linen is the material of chief value, being printed, stained, or colored	2½ per cent.
On all goods, wares, and merchandise, which now pay a duty of 7½ per cent. an addition of	½ per cent.
On coffee, per lb.	1 cent.
Cocoa, per lb.	2
Cheese, per lb.	3
On the tonnage of ships or vessels of the United States, employed in foreign trade	6 cts. per ton.
On all foreign ships or vessels	25

5 per cent. ad valorem.

"2d. *Resolved*, That after the ——— day of ——— every person keeping a carriage, for the conveying of persons for their own use, shall notify the same at some office, which may be designated for the purpose, and shall pay, annually,

For a coach	\$ 10 00
For a charriot	8 00
For any other four wheeled carriage	6 00
For a chaise, or other two wheeled carriage	2 00

"3d. *Resolved*, That, after the ——— day of ——— there be paid the following stamp duties:

Letters patent, issued under the authority of the United States	2 00
Exemplification thereof	1 00
Licences, or certificates of admission, of solicitors, attorneys, advocates, and proctors, in the courts of the United States	5 00
Exemplification under the seals of the courts	50

Affidavits and affirmations, except those before the officers of the public revenue, those relative to suits pending in courts, to be used therein, and those relative to criminal proceedings	\$0 10.
Deeds, except those otherwise particularly rated	25
Charter parties	1 00
Bottomry and respondentia bonds	1 00
Apprentices' indentures	15
Certificates of debentures for drawbacks	20
Bills of lading, coastwise, except for vessels going from one district to another, within the same State	10
Ditto, foreign	20
Inventories of the effects of deceased persons, or for any other purpose prescribed by law, except in cases of goods distrained, or in compliance of any agreement between two or more persons	10
Bonds for the security of money, when the sum is above fifty, and not exceeding one hundred dollars	20
Above 100, and not exceeding 500	25
Above 500, and not exceeding 1000	30
Above 1000	40
Receipts for legacies, or shares of personal estate, in cases of intestates, where the sum is above 50, and not exceeding 100 dollars	25
More than 100, and not exceeding 500	50
For every further sum above 500	1 00
Not to extend to wives, children, or grandchildren.	
Notarial acts	25
On every transfer of the stock of the United States, at the rate of five cents for every hundred dollars.	
On every transfer of bank stock, as well of the United States, as those established under the authority of the individual States, at the rate of five cents for every hundred dollars.	
Letters of attorney	25
Policies of Insurance—	
From one district to another, in the United States	20
To and from the United States to any foreign country, for any sum exceeding 500 dollars	25
For every further sum, more than 500	25
For every sum of 2000, or upwards	1 00
Probates of wills, and letters of administration	50

"4th. Resolved, That, after the — day of — there shall be paid, on all sales at auction, (except in the cases of property sold upon execution, or by virtue of distress for rent or tax, or in consequence of bankruptcies, and legal insolvencies, or where there have been general assignments for the benefit of creditors, or in cases where ships and goods have been stranded or wrecked, or in cases of sale by executors or administrators, or of produce sold upon the land where it is produced) at the rate of one per cent.

"5th. Resolved, That, after the — day of — there shall be paid, upon all tobacco manufactured in the United States, — cents per lb. On all snuff, — cents per lb.

That every manufacturer of tobacco or snuff, shall, on or before the — day — make entry, with the officer of inspection of the district in which he resides, of the house or building, in which the manufactory is carried on; and shall enter into bond, with sufficient surety, to render a faithful account, every three months, of the quantity of tobacco or snuff sold or sent out, within that period.

That, previous to taking in any tobacco, for the purpose of being manufactured, he shall notify the same to the office of inspection, and shall keep a book, in which shall be entered daily, the quantity of tobacco or snuff, sold or sent out in each day.

"6th. Resolved, That there be laid an additional duty of — cents per pound, upon all tobacco, — cents per pound on all snuff, and — cents per pound on all refined sugar, imported into the United States, after the — day of —.

"7th. Resolved, That, after the — day of — there be paid, on all sugars refined within the United States, two cents per pound.

"8th. Resolved, That, after the — day of — every person, selling distilled spirits or wines, for consumption, out of their own dwellings; distilled spirits, in less quantity than twenty gallons; wines, in less quantity than thirty gallons, except in the original

cask or package, in which they were imported, shall take out licences, to authorize the sale of such distilled spirits and wines, and shall pay, annually—

For a licence to sell all foreign distilled spirits	-	-	-	-	\$ 5 00
For a licence to sell all wines	-	-	-	-	5 00"

A motion was made and seconded, to amend the report of the committee, by striking out the second resolution in the words following, to wit :

"*Resolved*, That after the — day of — every person keeping a carriage, for the conveying of persons for their own use, shall notify the same at some office, which may be designated for the purpose, and shall pay, annually,

"For a coach	-	-	-	-	\$ 10 00
"For a charriot	-	-	-	-	8 00
"For any other four wheeled carriage	-	-	-	-	6 00
"For a chaise, or other two wheeled carriage	-	-	-	-	2 00"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 34,
Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Andrew Gregg,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
William Hindman,

Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Abraham Venable, and
Francis Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fizzimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
William Barry Grove,
James Hillhouse,
John Hunter,
William Irvine,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,

Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,
The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house on the head-land of Cape-Hatteras ; and a lighted beacon on Occacock island, in the State of North Carolina," with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, and that the title be, "An act to erect a light-house on the head-land of Cape-Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Shell Castle island, in the harbor of Occacock, in the State of North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of sundry merchants, traders, and other inhabitants, of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a farther continuation of the embargo on ships or vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States,'" and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house on the head-land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Shell Castle island, in the harbor of Occacock, in the State of North Carolina :". The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined an Enrolled Bill, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the seventh instant, approve and sign a resolve which originated in this House, "to authorize the President to grant clearances in the case of ships or vessels now loaded, and bound to any port beyond the Cape of Good-Hope :"; also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of coffee, which have been destroyed by fire ;" and another, entitled "An act supplementary to "An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States."

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the committee of Ways and Means : Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded to amend the report of the committee, by striking out the third resolution, in the words following, to wit :

"*Resolved*, That, after the — day of — there be paid, the following stamp duties:

Letters patent, issued under the authority of the United States	-	-	\$ 2 00
Exemplification thereof	-	-	1 00
Licences, or certificates of admission, of solicitors, attorneys, advocates, and proctors, in the courts of the United States	-	-	5 00
Exemplification under the seals of the courts	-	-	50
Affidavits and affirmations, except those before the officers of the public revenue, those relative to suits pending in courts, to be used therein, and those relative to criminal proceedings	-	-	10

Deeds, except those otherwise particularly rated	- - - - -	25
Charter parties	- - - - -	\$ 1 00
Bottomry and respondentia bonds	- - - - -	1 00
Apprentices' indentures	- - - - -	15
Certificates of debentures for drawbacks	- - - - -	20
Bills of lading, coastwise, except for vessels going from one district to another, within the same State	- - - - -	10
Ditto, foreign	- - - - -	20
Inventories of the effects of deceased persons, or for any other purpose prescribed by law, except in cases of goods distrained, or in compliance of any agreement between two or more persons	- - - - -	10
Bonds for the security of money, when the sum is above fifty, and not exceeding one hundred dollars	- - - - -	20
Above 100, and not exceeding 500	- - - - -	25
Above 500, and not exceeding 1000	- - - - -	30
Above 1000	- - - - -	40
Receipts for legacies or shares of personal estate in cases of intestates, where the sum is above 50, and not exceeding 100 dollars	- - - - -	25
More than 100, and not exceeding 500	- - - - -	50
For every sum above 500	- - - - -	1 00
Not to extend to wives, children, or grandchildren.		
Notarial acts	- - - - -	25
On every transfer of the stock of the United States, at the rate of five cents for every hundred dollars.		
On every transfer of bank stock, as well of the United States as those established under the authority of the individual States, at the rate of five cents for every hundred dollars.		
Letters of attorney	- - - - -	25
Policies of insurance—		
From one district to another, in the United States	- - - - -	20
To and from the United States to any foreign country, for any sum exceeding 500 dollars,	- - - - -	25
For every further sum more than 500	- - - - -	25
For every sum of 2000 or upwards	- - - - -	1 00
Probates of wills, and letters of administration	- - - - -	50 ³

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Thomas Blount,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Isaac Coles,
 William J. Dawson,
 George Dent,
 William Findley,
 William B. Giles,
 Christopher Greenup,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 John Heath,
 Daniel Heister,
 Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,

Joseph M'Dowell,
 Alexander McBane,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Joseph Neville,
 Anthony New
 John Nicholas,
 Nathaniel Niles,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 Abraham Venable,
 Francis Walker, and
 Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 John Beatty,
 Elias Boudinot,
 Shearjashub Bourne,

Benjamin Bourne,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Abraham Clark,

David Cobb,
 Peleg Coffin,
 Joshua Coit,
 Henry Dearborn,
 Samuel Dexter,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 James Gillespie,
 Alexander Gillon,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 James Gordon,
 Samuel Griffin,
 William B. Grove,
 George Hancock,
 James Hillhouse,
 William Hindman,
 John Hunter,
 William Irvine,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Latimer,
 Amasa Learned,
 Richard Bland Lee,

Francis Malbone,
 William Montgomery,
 William Vans Murray,
 Josiah Parker,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Thomas Scott,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 John S. Sherburne,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Uriah Tracey,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,
 Artemas Ward,
 John Watts,
 Benjamin Williams, and
 Richard Winn.

And then the question being put, that the House do agree to the amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House to the third clause of the said resolution, by adding to the proposed duty of "five dollars on licenses or certificates of admission of solicitors, attorneys, advocates, and proctors," the words "*in the courts of the United States*:"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 64,
 { Nays 23.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 John Beatty,
 Thomas Blount,
 Elias Boudinot,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 David Cobb,
 Isaac Coles,
 William J. Dawson,
 Henry Dearborn,
 George Dent,
 Samuel Dexter,
 William Findley,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 William B. Giles,
 James Gillespie,
 Alexander Gillon,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Christopher Greenup,
 William Barry Grove,
 George Hancock,
 Carter B. Harrison,
 John Heath,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Hillhouse,
 William Hindman,

John Hunter,
 William Irvine,
 Henry Latimer,
 Amasa Learned,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 Matthew Locke,
 William Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 Joseph M'Dowell,
 Alexander Mebane,
 Andrew Moore,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Joseph Neville,
 Anthony New
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Josiah Parker,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Thomas Scott,
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 Jonathan Trumbull,

Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,

Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Fisher Ames,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clark,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
James Gordon,
Andrew Gregg,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,

Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Artemas Ward.

The other amendments to the said third resolution were severally read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded, to amend the fifth resolution by striking out so much thereof as imposes a duty on all tobacco manufactured within the United States.

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
William Irvine,
John Wilkes Kittera,
William Lyman,

Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,

Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
William Barry Grove,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Hunter,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,

Francis Malbone,
Alexander Mcbane,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,

Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
John Watts, and
Benjamin Williams.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,
The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 9.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and disbursements of public moneys, from the first of July to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive; also, his payments and receipts on account of the War Department, from the first of January to the thirty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for determining the Northern boundary of the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina; and that Mr. Walker, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Preston, be the said committee.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Flint, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act providing for raising and organizing a corps of artillerists and engineers;" another entitled "An act supplementary to an 'An act to provide for the defence of certain ports and harbors in the United States;" and another entitled "An act directing a detachment from the militia of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of coffee, which have been destroyed by fire." And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to erect a light-house on the head-land of Cape Hatteras; and a lighted beacon on Shell Castle Island, in the Harbor of Ocracoke, in the State of North Carolina," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported on Wednesday last from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the Committee of Ways and Means: Whereupon,

The first resolution being under consideration,

A motion was made and seconded, further to amend the same by striking out, in the twenty-first clause, which imposes a duty on domestic tonnage, the words "ships or vessels of the United States, employed in foreign trade, six cents per ton:"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 50,
Nays 37.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
Robert Rutherford,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Jeremiah Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas Claiborne,
Jonathan Dayton,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
William B. Grove,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
John Hunter,
William Irvine,

Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane.
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker.
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Thomas Scott,
Israel Smith,
William Smith,
Uriah Tracey, and
Francis Walker.

Another motion was then made and seconded further to amend the first resolution, and to increase the duty on foreign tonnage, by striking out "*twenty-five cents*," and inserting in lieu thereof "*fifty cents*."

It passed in the negative, { Yeas25,
{ Nays.....61.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Henry Dearborn,
Samuel Dexter,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon.

Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Daniel Heister,
William Irvine,
William Lyman,
James Madison,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,

Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Carter B. Harrison,
James Hillhouse,
John Hunter,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,

Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Thomas Tredwell,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
John Watts.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,
The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten-o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 10.

A petition of Reuben Smith, of the City of New York, merchant, for himself and Nathan Strong, of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be exonerated from the payment of the duties imposed on foreign vessels, to which they will be subjected in the case of the ship called the James, of New York, the property of the petitioners, whose register, owing to an unforeseen cause, was not recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Foster; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Chairman of a meeting of the manufacturers of the City of Philadelphia, covering certain resolutions of the said meeting, expressive of their sense of the proposition now depending before the House, for imposing an excise on certain domestic manufactures; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-fifth of March last.

enclosing copies of two letters from Fulwar Skipwith, Consul of the United States at Martinique; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized and requested to direct the payment of all just expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, in relieving the wants and facilitating the return of the seamen belonging to the vessels of the said States, lately taken and condemned in the British West India Islands, under orders from the British King; and that the said payment be made out of the fund provided for the intercourse with foreign nations.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Lee, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Page, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported on Wednesday last, from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means: Whereupon,

The first resolution being still under consideration,

A motion was made and seconded, further to amend the same, by inserting, in the last clause, imposing a duty on the tonnage of foreign ships or vessels, the words "British excepted; and on British ships or vessels fifty cents per ton:"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative,	{ Yeas 24,
	{ Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Christopher Greenup,
Carter B. Harrison,
William Lyman,
James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,

Andrew Moore,
Anthony New,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Andrew Gregg,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,

Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
Francis Malbone,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Joseph Neville,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Thomas Tredwell,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortland,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Joseph Winston.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said first resolution as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution, as amended, was again read, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The third resolution being under consideration,

A motion was made and seconded, to amend the same, by striking out the sixth clause, in the words following, to wit: "*Deeds, except those otherwise particularly rated, twenty-five cents.*"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30,
Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
George Dent,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Carter B. Harrison,
Daniel Heister,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Andrew Moore,

Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortland,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Gabriel Christie,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
Samuel Dexter,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
George Hancock,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,

John Hunter,
William Irvine,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward, and
John Watts.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said third resolution, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth resolutions were again read, and on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded, to amend the said report, by adding to the end thereof the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That, after the ——— day of ———, there be allowed on exportation, a drawback of ——— per pound, on all tobacco, ——— per pound, on all snuff, and ——— per pound on all sugars manufactured in the United States: and that no drawback

shall, from the said ——— day of ———, be allowed on the exportation of any tobacco, snuff, or loaf sugar, imported into the United States.

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Grove, Mr. Orr, Mr. Madison, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Christie, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Watts, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Ames, Mr. Gilman, and Mr. Latimer, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, on public account; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Reuben Smith, for himself and Nathan Strong, made a report; which was read: Whereupon.

Resolved, That the Collector for the District of New York be authorized to remit to Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong, owners of the ship James, of New York, the duties and imposts of tonnage, which may be incurred in consequence of the incompetent or invalid register of the said ship: provided, they shall obtain, within one hundred and twenty days, a new register for the said ship, in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Foster, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 12.

An engrossed bill providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, on public account, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, on public account."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the cession made by the State of New York, of a piece of land at Montock point, upon the east end of Long Island, for the site of a light house, is, and shall be deemed a good and sufficient cession of the jurisdiction thereof to the United States, for the purpose for which it was designed; and that it be, and is hereby, accepted such, any thing in any law to the contrary thereof, in anywise notwithstanding:

Ordered, That the said motion, together with the copy of an exemplification of an act of the Legislature of New York, ceding to the United States the jurisdiction of certain lands on Montock point, communicated by a written message from the President of the United States, of the twenty seventh of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, be committed to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Tredwell.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 12th May, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

As the letter, which I forwarded to Congress, on the fifteenth day of April last, from the Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty, to the Secretary of State, in answer to a memorial of our Minister in London, related to a very interesting subject, I thought it proper not to delay its communication. But, since that time, the memorial itself has been received, in a letter from our Minister, and a reply has been made to that answer by the Secretary of State. Copies of them are, therefore, now transmitted.

G. WASHINGTON.

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And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said resolution,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 13,
Nays 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Dent,
Alexander Gillon,
Benjamin Goodhue,
John Hunter,

Francis Malbone,
Joseph Neville,
John Page,
William Smith,
Artemas Ward, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Benjamin Bourne,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clarke,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
Samuel Dexter,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Grove,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,

William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Thomas Tredwell,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Francis Walker,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for making further and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury furnish the Executives of the several States with a copy of the book marked A, deposited in the Treasury Department by the Commissioners who settled the accounts between the individual States and the United States:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Macon, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Hillhouse.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 13.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the 'Act for making further and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to erect a light-house on the head-land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Shell Castle Island, in the harbor of Occacock, in the State of North Carolina."

Mr. Walker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for determining the Northern boundary of the Territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house on the head-land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Shell Castle Island, in the harbor of Occacock, in the State of North Carolina." The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act further to authorize the adjournment of Circuit Courts;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill granting relief to James Bell; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon the final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further to authorize the adjournment of Circuit Courts," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time; and

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Brown and Francis, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a quantity of teas imported in the ship Washington, from Canton, in China, which were consumed by fire at Albany, in the State of New York, in a store-house in which they were deposited.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of tobacco and snuff, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the proposition now under the consideration of the House, for raising a revenue by an excise duty on the said articles, may not be passed.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

Mr. Ames, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of George Blanchard, in behalf of Edward Blanchard, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Heister, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Bartholomew Van Heer, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be delivered to the Senators and Representatives of the State of South Carolina all the vouchers which were, by the Agent of the said State, lodged with the Commissioners for settling the accounts between the United States and the several States, and since deposited in the Treasury, and which have been required by the Legislature of South Carolina:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Clark, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Lyman, from the committee appointed to select such parts of the confidential communications received from the President of the United States, on the twenty-fourth of February last, as are proper to be made public, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon the final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States, which lay on the table; and the said amendments being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was made and seconded further to amend the said bill, by adding to the end thereof the following section, to wit:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the balances reported by the said Commissioners, and carried to the debit of certain States, be, and the same are hereby, relinquished:"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas.....23,
 { Nays.....58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
William J. Dawson,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,

James Gordon,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Henry Latimer,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
Joseph McDowell,

Alexander Mebane,
William Smith,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
John E. Van Allen,

Peter Van Gaasbeck,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
Amasa Learned,

William Lyman,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Francis Walker,
Artemas Ward, and
Richard Winn.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the said bill by adding to the end thereof the following section, to wit:

“And be it further enacted, That the payment of interest on the aforesaid balances out of the said fund, shall cease and determine, after the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and that, thereafter, the balances reported to be due by the said Commissioners from certain States, be appropriated for the payment of the interest and principal of the balances due to the said States:”

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 27,
 { Nays 60.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Andrew Gregg,
George Hancock,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
James Madison,

William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Abraham Venable, and
Francis Walker.

Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

John Heath,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Hunter,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
William Lyman,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Nathaniel Niles,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,

George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Abraham Venable,

Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
Henry Latimer,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,

Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Robert Rutherford,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Silas Talbot,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Francis Walker,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

And on the main question, that the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 51,
Nays 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Hunter,
Amasa Learned,

Richard Bland Lee,
William Lyman,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Nathaniel Niles,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,

William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,

Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
Henry Latimer,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
Alexander Mebane,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,

John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Silas Talbot,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time on the first Monday of October next,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 33,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
William B. Grove,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
Henry Latimer,
Matthew Locke,

Nathaniel Macon,
Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Robert Rutherford,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Hunter,

Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
William Lyman,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Traëcy,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Scott, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Biggs and Elijah Hedges, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for erecting a light-house on the Island of Seguin, in the District of Maine," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, on public account," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed to the said bills, and the same being severally read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendatory report of the committee to whom was re-committed the report on the memorial of Arthur St. Clair; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That there be allowed to Arthur St. Clair, at the rate of ——— dollars per day, for the time he was employed in going from New York to Pittsburg, and till his return to New York, between November one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and February one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Resolved, That he be allowed at the rate of ——— dollars per day for the time he was employed in holding a treaty with the Indians, commenced in June one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight; and that the time be computed from his commencing that business, till the treaties were delivered to the President of the United States.

Resolved, That there be allowed, in the settlement of his account, two hundred dollars for a negro killed in the public service; also, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars advanced to Major Hamtramck; and that interest be allowed on his account.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Hindman, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 15.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Dubois: Whereupon,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to authorize the Comptroller of the Treasury to settle the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the line of the late Army of the United States, similar to others of his rank, who were deranged in the service.

Ordered, That Mr. Talbot, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Grove, be a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed on the part of this House, to be joined by such committee as the Senate shall appoint, to consider and report what further business is necessary to be done during the present session; and at what time it will be proper to adjourn the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Lyman, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Venable, be appointed the committee on the part of this House.

Mr. Clark, from the committee to whom was referred the motion of the fourteenth instant, for the delivery of certain documents deposited with the late Board of Commissioners for settling the accounts between the United States and the individual States to the Senators and Representatives of the State of South Carolina, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental Establishment, to obtain titles

to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill, and that it be recommitted to Mr. Heath, Mr. Neville, and Mr. Orr.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to compensate Arthur St. Clair; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion.

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for erecting a light-house on the Island of Seguin, in the District of Maine, and for erecting a beacon and placing three buoys at the entrance of Saint Mary's river, in the State of Georgia;" another entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, on public account;" and another entitled "An act further to authorize the adjournment of Circuit Courts;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Macon, from the committee to whom was referred the motion of the twelfth instant, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish the Executives of the several States with a copy of the book marked A, deposited in the Treasury Department, by the Commissioners for settling the accounts between the United States and the individual States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

“Whereas it is a primary object in the establishment of civil government to protect the persons and property of its citizens, from the violence of nations, as well as individuals: And whereas many of the citizens of the United States have suffered great losses, by spoliation made on their commerce, under the authority of Great Britain, in violation of the law of nations, and the rights of neutrality,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States will guarantee an indemnification to all such citizens of the United States, whose property may have been captured and confiscated, under the authority of Great Britain, in violation of the law of nations, and the rights of neutrality :"

It was moved and seconded that the said resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House :

On which motion for commitment, an amendment being moved and seconded, so that the said commitment should be "to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed certain propositions for the sequestration of the debts due from the citizens of the United States to the subjects of the King of Great Britain:"

On the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 57,
 { Nays 31.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theoderus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Elias Boudinot,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,

George Dent,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Grove,
George Hancock,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
William Hindman.

John Hunter,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph M^dDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,

Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Silas Talbot,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Benjamin Bourne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
James Hillhouse,
Henry Latimer,

Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
John Watts.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said motion for commitment, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 16.

A memorial of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants, of Boston, Charlestown, Salem, Marblehead, Beverly, Newburyport, Manchester, Gloucester, Ipswich, and Danvers, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the most speedy and effectual measures may be adopted by Congress to obtain restitution for the depredations committed on their property, which, under color of decrees of Admiralty Courts, has been condemned, and adjudged forfeited, by the subjects of the King of Great Britain, and the citizens and subjects of other foreign countries. Also,

A memorial of sundry merchants of the city of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom are committed certain propositions for the sequestration of the debts due from citizens of the United States, to the subjects of the King of Great Britain.

A petition of Gurdon Backus and David Meade Randolph was presented to the House and read, praying relief against a judgment obtained in the District Court of the United States, for the State of Virginia, for the recovery of a bond, given by the petitioners, for the return of the certificate of registry of the sloop Rambler, late belonging to the petitioner Backus, which sloop was sold on the Coast of Africa, to a foreigner; and the said certificate, with a trunk and other papers stolen from him, by one of his seamen, and never recovered.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Swift, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, and Mr. Giles; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of the manufacturers of tobacco, in the borough of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said article may not be subjected to the excise duty proposed to be laid upon it in a bill now depending.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petitions of Thomas Frothingham and Sarah Parker, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An engrossed bill making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon the final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States, was read the third time :

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 52,
 { Nays 34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
John Heath,
James Hillhouse,

William Hindman,
John Hunter,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickins,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Christopher Greenup,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
Alexander Mcbane,
Andrew Moore,

Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
John Page,
Francis Preston,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Silas Talbot,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker, and
Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act making provision for payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon the final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Moore, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in Maryland, and of Chester and Lancaster counties, in Pennsylvania, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of several of the Chief Clerks in the Executive Departments of Government; of Philip Audebert and others, Clerks in the Department of War; of Benjamin Bankson, a Clerk in the Department of State; of Joseph Parker and Benjamin Betterton, Clerks in the Office of the Accountant to the War Department; and of Walter W. Heyer and others, Clerks in the Loan Office of the State of New York, made reports; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Murray, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Zadock Long, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Watts, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Denning, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House for the appointment of a joint committee to consider and report what further business is necessary to be done, during the present session, and at what time it will be proper to adjourn the same; and have appointed a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of January last, transmitting the copy of a letter from Constant Freeman, Agent for the War Department, in Georgia, relative to the Creek Indians; and on the report of the committee to whom was referred a memorial of the Representatives of the People of the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said reports under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to call out such number of the militia of the Government of the Territory South of the river Ohio, or of the States most conveniently situated, as may be requisite to carry on offensive operations against any nation or tribe of Indians, that may continue hostile.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to cause to be established and guarded, such military posts as, in his judgment, will be necessary for the permanent security of the frontier settlers, and to employ one or more troops of horse, as patroles or rangers between the said posts.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Carnes, Mr. Blount, Mr. McBane, Mr. Pickens, and Mr. Preston, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, further to amend the said bill, by adding to the end of the fourth section, which imposes an additional duty of twenty-five cents on the tonnage of foreign vessels, the words, "*And on all ships or vessels of the United States, an additional duty of six cents per ton.*"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Thomas Claiborne,
Jonathan Dayton,
George Dent,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
James Gordon,
Samuel Griffin,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
John Hunter,
Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,

Nathaniel Macon,
Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Israel Smith,
William Smith,
Silas Talbot,
Uriah Tracey,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Francis Walker, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Gabriel Christie,
Abraham Clarke,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
Henry Dearborn,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Christopher Greenup,
John Heath,
James Hillhouse,
Amasa Learned,
William Lyman,

James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
William Vans Murray,
John Nicholas,
John Page,
Josiah Parker,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Jeremiah Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Abraham Venable,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 17.

An engrossed bill laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of the sugar refiners in the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said article may not be subjected to the excise duty proposed to be laid upon it in a bill now depending.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for erecting a light-house on the island of Seguin, in the District of Maine, and for erecting a beacon and placing three buoys at the entrance of Saint Mary's river, in the State of Georgia;" another entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith on public account;" another entitled "An act further to authorize the adjournment of Circuit Courts;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong."

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill laying certain duties upon manufactured tobacco and refined sugar; which was received, and read the first time; and opposition being made to the same,

The question was stated, to wit: "Shall the said bill be rejected?"

On which question, debate arising, after some time spent therein,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

A memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying a farther continuation of the embargo laid on ships or vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place. Also,

A memorial of the manufacturers of tobacco in the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying that the articles of tobacco and snuff manufactured within the United States, may not be subjected to the excise duty proposed to be laid on them in a bill now depending.

Ordered, That the said memorials do lie on the table.

A petition of James & Shoemaker, of the City of Philadelphia, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the drawback on a quantity of goods imported by the petitioners into the port of Washington, in North Carolina, and thence brought to the port of Philadelphia, from whence they are desirous of exporting them to a foreign port.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Swift, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Cadwalader; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the question which was depending on Saturday last, on the bill laying certain duties upon manufactured tobacco and refined sugar, to wit: "Shall the said bill be rejected?" and after farther debate thereon, the question being taken,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Isaac Coles,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Andrew Gregg,
Daniel Heister,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph McDowell,
William Montgomery,

Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Thomas Tredwell,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Samuel Griffin,
William Barry Grove,
Thomas Hartley,
James Hillhouse,

William Hindman,
John Hunter,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,
Francis Malbone,
Alexander Mebane,
William Vans Murray,
Alexander D. Orr,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbéck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Benjamin Williams.

The said bill was then read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was read the third time.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the representation of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, concerning the expenses of certain expeditions carried on against the Indians since the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Greenup, Mr. Hillhouse, and Mr. Venable; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Talbot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois for his services in the late Army of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act for erecting a lighthouse on the island of Seguin, in the District of Maine, and for erecting a beacon, and placing three buoys at the entrance of Saint Mary's river, in the State of Georgia;" another entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, on public account;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lyman, from the Joint Committee appointed to consider and report what further

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the motion of the twelfth instant, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish the Executives of the several States with a copy of the book marked A, deposited in the Treasury Department by the Commissioners who settled the accounts between the individual States and the United States, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Strike out the first section of the said bill, in the words following, to wit:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be raised, upon the terms and conditions hereafter mentioned, an additional provisional military force, to consist of ——— non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians, together with a proper proportion of commissioned officers."

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Cole,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dea born,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glenn,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
Daniel Heister,
John Hunter,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,

Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Richard Winn,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

And then the question being put, that the said bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

Mr. Carnes, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to report a bill to regulate the mode in which American seamen may be furnished with evidence of citizenship, for the purpose of protecting them against impressment in foreign service; and that Mr. Murray, Mr. Tracey, and Mr. Gillon, be the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill granting relief to James Bell; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

And on the question that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 20th May, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

In the communications which I have made to Congress, during the present session, relative to foreign Nations, I have omitted no opportunity of testifying my anxiety to preserve the United States in peace. It is peculiarly, therefore, my duty, at this time, to lay before you the present state of certain hostile threats against the territories of Spain, in our neighborhood.

The documents which accompany this message develop the measures which I have taken to suppress them, and the intelligence which has been lately received.

It will be seen from thence that the subject has not been neglected; that every power vested in the Executive, on such occasions, has been exerted; and that there was reason to believe that the enterprize projected against the Spanish dominions was relinquished.

But it appears to have been revived upon principles which set public order at defiance and place the peace of the United States in the discretion of unauthorized individuals. The means already deposited in the different departments of Government, are shewn, by experience, not to be adequate to these high exigencies, although such of them as are lodged in the hands of the Executive shall continue to be used with promptness, energy, and decision, proportioned to the case. But I am impelled, by the position of our public affairs, to recommend that provision be made for a stronger and more vigorous opposition than can be given to such hostile movements under the laws, as they now stand.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to compensate Arthur St. Clair; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

It was then moved and seconded to amend the said bill, at the Clerk's table, by striking out the second clause, in the words following, to wit:

"That he be further allowed at the rate of ——— dollars per day, from the tenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, to the ——— day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, being the time he was employed in the business of Indian treaties, and till the delivery of the said treaties to the President of the United States."

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas, 25,
 { Nays, 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
George Dent,
James Gordon,
George Hancock,
James Hillhouse,
John Hunter,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,

Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Francis Preston,
Israel Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Uriah Tracey,
Thomas Tredwell,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Gabriel Christie,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,

William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Grove,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,

John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Latimer,
 Amasa Learned,
 Francis Malbone,
 William Montgomery,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Joseph Neville,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Josiah Parker,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Thomas Scott,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 John Smilie,

Jeremiah Smith,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,
 Abraham Venable,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,
 Francis Walker,
 Artemas Ward,
 John Watts, and
 Richard Winn.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the third clause, the words "*for a negro killed in defence of the public stores, the sum of two hundred dollars.*"

And, on the question thereupon,
 It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said, bill as amended, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21.

An engrossed bill to compensate Arthur St. Clair was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 50,
 { Nays 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 James Armstrong,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 John Beatty,
 Benjamin Bourne,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 Thomas P. Carnes,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Abraham Clark,
 David Cobb,
 Peleg Coffin,
 William Findley,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 William B. Giles,
 James Gillespie,
 Alexander Gillon,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Samuel Griffin,
 William Barry Grove,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Hindman,
 John Wilkes Kittera,

Henry Latimer,
 Amasa Learned,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 Francis Malbone,
 William Montgomery,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Joseph Neville,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Scott,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 John S. Sherburne,
 John Smilie,
 William Smith,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,
 Artemas Ward,
 John Watts, and
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Blount,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joshua Coit,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
George Dent,
James Gordon,
George Hancock,
James Hillhouse,
John Hunter,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
Joseph M'Dowell,

Alexander Mebane,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Francis Preston,
Israel Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Uriah Tracey,
Thomas Tredwell,
John E. Van Allen,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act to compensate Arthur St. Clair."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress, and that Mr. Clark, Mr. Goodhue, and and Mr. Parker, be the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth, who was killed in the service of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

And on the question that the said bill be read the third time,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 37,
 { Nays 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Thomas P. Carnes,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Andrew Gregg,
Samuel Griffin,
William Barry Grove,
Thomas Hartley,
William Hindman,

John Hunter,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Richard Bland Lee,
Francis Malbone,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Josiah Parker,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracy,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
John Watts, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
George Dent,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Christopher Greenup,
George Hancock,
James Hillhouse,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,

Joseph McDowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Francis Preston,
John S. Sherburne,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Artemas Ward,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the said bill be rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on the third day of June next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lyman, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas Garney and others, fishermen, employed in the fishing business, in the town of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, and of William Knight and others, owners of fishing vessels, employed in the said town of Marblehead, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 22.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same."

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee appointed to examine into the state of the Treasury Department, and to report generally and specially thereupon, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, accompanying a statement, in the cases of twenty-three additional claimants, to be placed on the pension list of the United States, who have obtained certificates from Judges of sundry Circuit Courts, signed as Commissioners; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the resolution of this House for furnishing the Executives of the several States with a copy of the book marked A, deposited in the Treasury Department by the Commissioners who settled the accounts between the United States and the individual States. The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to close the present session by adjourning their respective Houses on the third day of June next. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney General, accompanying a table of costs and fees for the courts of the United States, made in pursuance of the resolution of this House, of the eleventh of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Boudinot, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Kittera.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the borough of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read; praying a farther continuation of the embargo on ships or vessels in the ports of the United States, bound to any foreign port or place. Also,

A petition of Isaac Clason and others, of the city of New York, merchants, praying that they may be allowed the drawback of the duties on a quantity of coffee and sugar exported from the port of New York, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and duly landed at the port of Hamburgh, in the United Netherlands, of which they are possessed of sufficient evidence, although not in the form prescribed by law.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Lyman, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Salem, Beverly, and Danvers, in the State of Massachusetts, made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the bounty allowed by law to vessels employed in the bank or cod

fisheries of the United States, in lieu of a drawback of the duty on salt, be extended to, and include, all vessels of more than thirty, and not exceeding seventy tons admeasurement.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Lyman, Mr. Wingate, and Mr. Holten, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Neville, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota," reported an amendatory bill; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom were referred the motion of the twelfth instant, for the acceptance of a cession of the State of New York, of a piece of land at Montock Point; also, the exemplification of an act of the Legislature of the said State, transmitted by a written message from the President of the United States of the twenty-seventh of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, yesterday, by the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas; and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for determining the Northern boundary of the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 23d May, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you the copy of a letter from the Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty, in answer to a letter from the Secretary of State, communicated to Congress yesterday; and also, the copy of a letter from the Secretary, which is referred to in the above mentioned letter of the Minister.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill laying certain duties upon manufactured tobacco and refined sugar; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills allowing further compensation for the services of Robert Forsyth, late Marshal of the district of Georgia; and that Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Cadwalader, do prepare and bring in the same.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, until the Government of Great Britain shall make or give

satisfactory assurances to the President of the United States, of their intention to make full and ample compensation for all injuries done by the ships of war and privateers of that nation, to the citizens of the United States, since the eighth day of June last, all commercial intercourse between the United States and the islands and colonies of the British King in the West Indies, and on the continent of America, shall be prohibited; and during the continuance of such prohibition, no ship or vessel, owned wholly or in part, by any subject of the King of Great Britain, shall be allowed to load in, or sail from, any port in the United States, with any article or articles of provision:"

The previous question was called for by five members, to wit: "Shall the main question to agree to the said resolution be now put?" And on the previous question, "Shall the said main question be now put?"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 24,
Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Christopher Greenup,
John Hunter,

Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
Andrew Pickens,
John Smilie,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
John Beatty,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Latimer,

Amasa Learned,
William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
William Montgomery,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John S. Sherburne,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Philip Van Cortland,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
John Watts.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 24.

An engrossed bill for determining the Northern boundary of the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for determining the Northern boundary of the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill, laying certain duties upon manufactured tobacco and refined sugar, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Ordered, That Mr. Greenup have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Arthur St. Clair, Governor of the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, enclosing a letter from him to the Secretary of War, and the answer thereto, respecting a claim for three horses killed in the action with the Indians, on the fourth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to make further compensation for the services of the late Robert Forsyth, marshal of Georgia; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the eighteenth of March last, relative to an advance of money requested by the Minister of the French Republic, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom were referred the laws of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, passed the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt:" The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first time.

On motion,

The said bills were severally read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

An engrossed bill laying certain duties upon manufactured tobacco and refined sugar was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased or built a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys in the service of the United States." The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for extending the benefit of a drawback and terms of credit in certain cases, and for other purposes;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first time :

On motion,

The said bills were severally read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 26.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," was read the third time :

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States," was read the third time :

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States of the eighteenth March last, relative to an advance of money requested by the Minister of the French Republic; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before this House such information, respecting any loans, negotiated in Europe for the United States, as he may be possessed of, and which has not already been laid before the Legislature, and the purposes to which they stand appropriated.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

And on the question that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 44,
Nays 35.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
John Beatty,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,

Joshua Coit,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,

Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Samuel Griffin,
William R. Grove,
Thomas Hartley,
James Hilhouse,
William Hindman,
John Hunter,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lattimer,
Amasa Learned,
William Montgomery,

William Vans Murray,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Richard Winn,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Andrew Gregg,
Daniel Heister,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,

Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Josiah Parker,
Robert Rutherford,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Saturday last, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress."

Ordered, That Eleanor Healey, who presented a petition to this House, on the sixteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, have leave to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing a settlement of certain expenses of the Commissioners of Loans." The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the principal Clerks in the Department of State, and in the Treasury and War Departments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were severally read the first time.

On motion,

The said bills were severally read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message, in writting, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, 26th May, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The Commissioners of his Catholic Majesty, having communicated to the Secretary of State the form of a certificate, without which the vessels of the United States cannot be admitted into the ports of Spain, I think it proper to lay it before Congress.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and certificate were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther proceeding in the said bill, and that it be recommitted to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Tracey, from the committee to whom were referred two reports from the Secretary of War, accompanying statements of the cases of claimants to be placed on the pension list of the United States, who have obtained certificates from the judges of the circuit courts, signed as commissioners, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 27.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 32,
 { Nays 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Armstrong,
John Beatty,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
William J. Dawson,
George Dent,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Benjamin Goodhue,
William B. Grove,

Thomas Hartley,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lattimer,
William Montgomery,
William Vans Murray,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward, and
Richard Winn,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Isaac Coles,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
George Hancock,
Daniel Heister,
Amasa Learned,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
Andrew Moore,

Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Uriah Tracey,
Thomas Tredwell,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Francis Walker,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to the resolution of yesterday; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the eighteenth of March last, relative to an advance of money requested by the Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States, made a report; which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Attorney General, of the twenty-first instant, accompanying a table of costs and fees for the Courts of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday, by the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons, and, the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to continue in force the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" the other entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Murray, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the registration and protection of American Seamen; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill laying duties on licences for selling wines, and distilled spirituous liquors, by retail; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States upon a final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation three enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to continue in force the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" another entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" and another entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the eighteenth of March last, relative to an advance of money requested by the Minister of the French Republic; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized and requested to apply the proceeds of the loan of three million of florins, lately obtained in Holland, towards the discharge of the debt remaining due to France; or to the protection and defence of the United States, if, in his opinion, the same should be found necessary for that purpose, any appropriation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Heister, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 29.

An engrossed bill laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons, was read the third time, and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the first section thereof be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said section; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the section committed to them under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said section, as amended, be presently engrossed; and, the said section being accordingly brought in engrossed,

The said bill was read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 49,
 { Nays 22.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Benjamin Bourne,
Thomas P. Carnes,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
George Dent,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
Thomas Hartley,
James Hillhouse,
John Hunter,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Francis Malbone,
Alexander Mebane,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Andrew Pickens,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Blount,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Alexander Gillon,
Daniel Heister,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,

Joseph McDowell,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
John Smilie,
Thomas Sprigg,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker, and
Richard Winn.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several petitions of Jane Hartlet, Jane M'Gowan, David Jones, Joshua Lounsbury, and Paul Schenk, in behalf of themselves, or as the legal representatives of others, was presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for supplies furnished or services rendered to the United States. Also,

A petition of Francis Gomez, junior, manufacturer of fig-blue, in the City of New York, praying that an additional duty may be laid on the importation of foreign fig-blue, or such encouragement given to the manufacture of the said article within the United States, as to Congress shall seem meet. Also,

A petition of James Caldwell, manufacturer of snuff and tobacco, at Albany, in the State of New York, praying that no duty may be imposed on the manufacture of the said articles within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A memorial of James Vanuxem, of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed a longer time for the payment of the duties on a quantity of teas imported from China, in the ship Argonaut.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Foster; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Josiah Witter, late a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be reimbursed certain expenses, incurred while a prisoner on Long Island, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of James Burnside, and others, Clerks in the office of the Auditor of the Treasury, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salaries allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be augmented and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said memorial be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the Principal Clerks in the Department of State, and the Treasury and War Departments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the motion of the twelfth instant for the acceptance of a cession of the State of New York, of a piece of land at Montock Point: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to receive cessions of land from any State to the United States, for the purpose of erecting light-houses or beacons, notwithstanding the jurisdiction of the State may be reserved, except so far as respects the real or personal property of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, and Mr. Tredwell, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the payment of a certain sum of money to the French Republic; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill laying duties on property sold at auction; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon a final settlement of accounts between the United States and the individual States;" and another entitled "An act to compensate Arthur St. Clair;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on four additional claimants for pensions as invalids; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred two reports of the Secretary of War, respecting the returns of invalids.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Swift, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Gurdon Backus and David Meade Randolph, and of James and Shoemaker; made reports thereupon, which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred two reports of the Secretary for the Department of War, respecting the return of invalids; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to place upon the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, all such persons, returned by the District Judges of the several districts, under the act of Congress of the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, as shall appear, by the evidence accompanying such returns, and such documents as may be in the office of the War Department, to come clearly within the act aforesaid, and are reported by the Secretary of War as having evidence complete. And in case of commissioned officers, contained in the said returns, who may, under this resolve, be placed upon the pension list, at a sum less than full pensions, that the same rule respecting a return of commutation, be adopted with them, as is provided by an act of Congress in favor of Captain David Cook, of December sixteenth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. And that all persons contained in the said returns, whose evidence is not complete, be returned by the Secretary of War, to the District Judges, respectively, who reported them, by name, stating the particular reasons why their evidence is not complete, and in each case, name the person whose evidence of leaving service is not lodged in his office. And the District Judges, respectively, shall forthwith notify, in every part of their districts, the persons named, and the reasons why their evidence is incomplete, that they may have an opportunity to complete the same.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Tracey, Mr. Tredwell, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Thatcher, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Fitzimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the President of the United States to receive cessions of land for the site of light-houses and beacons, under certain limitations; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his ap-

probation two enrolled bills; one entitled "An act making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon a final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States;" the other entitled "An act to compensate Arthur St. Clair."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to increase the Military force of the United States, and to encourage the recruiting service," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for extending the benefit of a drawback, and terms of credit, in certain cases, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from proceeding on so much of the report of the committee, to whom was referred a report of the Secretary of War, on sixty petitions, as relates to the petition of John Robbe.

Resolved, That the said John Robbe be placed on the list of pensioners, pursuant to the report of the Secretary of War; and that Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Malbone, do prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 30.

An engrossed bill authorizing the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph White, which was presented to the House on the fourteenth day of April last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Mumford, which was presented to the House on the seventh of April last, be referred to the Postmaster General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate; one entitled "An act to continue in force the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" and another entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the military force of the United States, and to encourage the recruiting service," was read the first time, and opposition being made to the same,

The question was stated, to wit: "Shall the said bill be rejected?" and, after debate thereon, the question being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 50,
Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Armstrong,
Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Joshua Coit,

Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
William Barry Grove,

Daniel Heister,
 John Hunter,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 William Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 Joseph M'Dowell,
 Alexander Mebane,
 William Montgomery,
 Andrew Moore,
 Joseph Neville,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Nathaniel Niles,
 Alexander D. Orr,

Josiah Parker,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Thomas Scott,
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable,
 Francis Walker,
 Benjamin Williams,
 Richard Winn, and
 Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Benjamin Bourne,
 David Cobb,
 Peleg Coffin,
 Jonathan Dayton,
 George Dent,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 Henry Glen,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Thomas Hartley,
 James Hillhouse,
 William Hindman,
 Henry Latimer,
 Amasa Learned,

Francis Malbone,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 William Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Uriah Tracey,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Artemas Ward, and
 John Watts.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next annual meeting of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill laying duties on licenses for selling wines and distilled spirituous liquors by retail; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the payment of a certain sum of money due to the French Republic; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to impose a duty of one

cent per ton on all vessels coming from a foreign voyage into the port of Baltimore; and that Mr. Murray, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Hunter, be the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill laying duties on property sold at auction; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John Robbe; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 31.

An engrossed bill laying duties on licenses for selling wines and distilled spiritous liquors, by retail, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 53,
 { Nays 23.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
William Barry Grove,
George Hancock,
James Hillhouse,
John Hunter,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Matthew Locke,
James Madison,
Alexander Mebane,

William Montgomery,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Benjamin Bourne,
Gabriel Christie,
Joshua Coit,
George Dent,
William Findley,
Alexander Gillon,
Daniel Heister,

William Hindman,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Anthony New,
Nathaniel Niles,
John Smilie,

Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker, and
Richard Winn.

An engrossed bill laying duties on property sold at auction was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 55,
 { Nays 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 John Beaty,
 Benjamin Bourne,
 Thomas P. Carnes,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Araham Clark,
 David Cobb,
 Peleg Coffin,
 Joshua Coit,
 William J. Dawson,
 Henry Dearborn,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 William B. Giles,
 James Gillespie,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Henry Glen,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 James Gordon,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Samuel Griffin,
 George Hancock,
 James Hillhouse,
 William Hindman,
 John Hunter,

John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Latimer,
 Amasa Learned,
 Francis Malbone,
 William Montgomery,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 Joseph Neville,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Josiah Parker,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Thomas Scott,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 William Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Uriah Tracey,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,
 Artemas Ward,
 John Watts, and
 Benjamin Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Blount,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Isaac Coles,
 George Dent,
 William Findley,
 Alexander Gillon,
 William Barry Grove,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 James Madison,
 Joseph M'Dowell,
 Alexander Mebane,
 Andrew Moore,

Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Nathaniel Niles,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 John Smilie,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 Philip Van Cortland,
 Abraham Venable,
 Francis Walker,
 Richard Winn, and
 Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act laying duties on property sold at auction."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Robbe was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Robbe."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President being absent, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore; and Ralph Izard has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee

had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorized to pay to Thomas Claxton, out of the money appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, two hundred and fifty dollars, for extra service.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas;" and the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments disagreed to, and that Mr Murray, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Sedgwick, be appointed managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Murray, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for a Health Officer for the town of Baltimore; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to lay, continue, and revoke embargoes." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of James Vanuxem, made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Collector of the District of Pennsylvania be authorized to receive from James Vanuxem, consignee of the cargo of the ship Argonaut, bonds, with sufficient surety, for the amount of the duties on the teas imported in the said ship, payable on the —— day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; or to receive such of the said teas as may be now on hand, to secure the payment aforesaid, at the option of the said James Vanuxem.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Foster, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Tracey, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill concerning invalids; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Tracey, from the same committee, also reported a resolution, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, concerning invalids; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the committee last appointed.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of James and Shoemaker: Whereupon,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to entitle the said James and Shoemaker to draw back the duties paid on the goods mentioned in the said petition, in case of their exportation.

Ordered, That Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Foster, be a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the report of the committee, relative to a settlement made by the State of North Carolina, for certain claims against the United States, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act making provision for the payment of the interest on the balances due to certain States, upon a final settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual States;" and another entitled "An act to compensate Arthur St. Clair."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of Maryland, enclosing a return of the election of Gabriel Duvall, to serve as one of the members of this

House, for the said State, in the room of John Francis Mercer, who has resigned his seat; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States." The Senate also insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas;" and agree to the conference desired by this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments, to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 49,
Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Beatty,
Benjamin Bourne,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
Thomas Hartley,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lattimer,
Amasa Learned,
Francis Malbone,

Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Andrew Pickens,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Thomas Claiborne,
Abraham Clark,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
George Dent,
William B. Giles,
Daniel Heister,
John Hunter,
Matthew Locke,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,

James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell, and
Francis Walker.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to extend the credit for duties on teas imported in the ship Argonaut; and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the bill making certain alterations in the act for establishing the judicial courts of the United States, and altering the time and place of holding certain courts; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 2.

A petition of Francis Porie and Stephen Carpenter, of the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the drawback of the duties on a quantity of wine, the property of the petitioners, exported from the port of Plank Bridge, in the said State, and duly landed in the island of St. Croix, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An engrossed bill to extend the credit for teas imported in the ship Argonaut, and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to extend the term of credit for teas imported in the ship Argonaut, and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for extending the benefit of a drawback and term of credit in certain cases, and for other purposes," was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Francis Joachin Van Aken, styling himself Assistant Judge, addressed to the Congress of the United States, and dated Orebro, in Sweden, the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, stating the particulars of his discovery of an art, described in the Swedish language, for extinguishing fires and preventing conflagrations, whether in war or peace, on board of vessels, or in houses on fire; which was read, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for information.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills; one entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,

Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourne,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
James Gillespie,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
James Gordon,
James Hillhouse,
William Hindman,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts, and
Joseph Winston.

The said bill, with the amendments, was then read the third time:
And on the question that the same do pass,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.
The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Arthur St. Clair, Governor of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, requesting a speedy decision on the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the failure of the expedition carried on against the Western Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution of the twenty-first ultimo, authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on this day, be repealed; and that, instead thereof, they be authorized to adjourn their respective Houses on Thursday, the fifth instant, to meet on the day by law appointed.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendments, disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas," and do agree to the said amendments, with certain modifications of the same, agreeable to the report of the Committee of Conference. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to all the modifications of the said amendments, as proposed by the Committee of Conference, except the amendment to the twelfth section; and that the Senate be informed that this House have, in their first proceeding on the amendments of the Senate, agreed to the amendment to the said twelfth section, as originally proposed by the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the bill concerning invalids; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read; and, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A petition of George Richardson was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services as a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Venable, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Douglass and Elizabeth his wife, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their said petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report a state of facts, with their opinion thereon, relative to a settlement made by the State of North Carolina, for certain claims against the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

And, on the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said report,

It passed in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make further compensation for the services of the late Robert Forsyth, Marshal of Georgia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Venable, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Cogbill, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill appropriating any moneys not already appropriated, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Hillhouse, be the said committee.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for extending the benefit of a drawback, and terms of credit, in certain cases, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a general abstract of the exports of the United States for one year, ending on the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; also, two summary statements, for the same period, exhibiting the value of the exports from each State, and a view of the exportation to all the foreign dominions with whom the United States maintain a commercial intercourse; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States;" another entitled "An act for extending the benefit of a drawback, and terms of credit, in certain cases, and for other purposes;" another entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States."

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

And, on the question that the said bill do pass,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Henry Lattimer,
Amasa Learned,
William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Robert Rutherford,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
John Watts.

Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Nathaniel Niles,
Francis Preston,
Jeremiah Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to promote the progress of useful arts.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill concerning invalids was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning invalids."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandisc, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Robbe;" Also, the bill entitled "An act to extend the term of credit for teas imported in the ship Argonaut, and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove." The Senate have also agreed to the resolution of this House, to repeal the resolution of the twenty-first ultimo, for the adjournment of the two Houses on this day, and authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on Thursday, the 5th instant. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" and, the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying an estimate of the sums which require to be appropriated, in addition to those provided for during the present session; also, a statement of the appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of defraying the contingent charges of Government; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for appropriating any moneys not already appropriated.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased or built a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys in the service of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4.

An engrossed bill making certain alterations in the act for establishing the Judicial Courts, and altering the time and place of holding certain Courts, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making certain alterations in the act for establishing the Judicial Courts, and altering the time and place of holding certain Courts."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" another entitled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas;" another entitled "An act to extend the term of credit for teas imported in the ship Argonaut, and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove;" another entitled "An act for the relief of John Robbe;" and another entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the President of the United States to receive cessions of land, for the site of light-houses and beacons, under certain limitations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

And, on the question that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act providing for the payment of the second instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States;" another entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to lay, regulate, and revoke embargoes;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois, for his services in the late Army of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and request that he would recommend to the People of the United States a day of public humiliation and prayer, to be observed by supplicating Almighty God for the safety, peace, and welfare of these States; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Gordon, be of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief Nicholas Rieb; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" another entitled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas;" another entitled "An act to extend the term of credit for teas imported in the ship Argonaut; and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freeloove;" another entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of John Robbe."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased or built, a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys in the service of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill, with the amendments, was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 42.
Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Elias Boudinot,

Thomas P. Carnes,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Jonathan Dayton,

William Findley,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Dwight Foster,
 Ezekiel Gilbert,
 James Gillespie,
 Alexander Gillon,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 James Gordon,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William Barry Grove,
 Thomas Hartley,
 William Hindman,
 John Hunter,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Latimer,
 Amasa Learned,
 Francis Malbone,

Peter Muhlenberg,
 William Vans Murray,
 John Nicholas,
 Andrew Pickens,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 William Smith,
 Zephaniah Swift,
 Silas Talbot,
 George Thatcher,
 Uriah Tracy,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John E. Van Allen,
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,
 Benjamin Williams, and
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Thomas Blount,
 Benjamin Bourne,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Joshua Coit,
 Isaac Coles,
 William J. Dawson,
 Henry Dearborn,
 George Dent,
 William B. Giles,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Alexander Mebane,

William Montgomery,
 Andrew Moore,
 Joseph Neville,
 Anthony New,
 Nathaniel Niles,
 Alexander D. Orr,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Thomas Scott,
 John Smilie,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Israel Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Abraham Venable,
 Francis Walker, and
 Joseph Winston.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for certain purposes therein expressed; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts which originated in this House; one entitled "An act to extend the term of credit for teas imported in the ship Argonaut, and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of John Robbe."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for extending the benefit of a drawback and terms of credit in certain cases, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a settlement of certain expenses of the Commissioners of Loans;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirituous liquors by retail," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons." And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, 4th June, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I lay before Congress the copy of a letter, with its enclosure, from the Secretary of State to the Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty ; it being an answer to a letter from the Minister to him, bearing date the 22d ultimo, and already communicated.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Margaret Knox and William Simonton, who severally presented a petition to this House on the tenth day of March last, have leave to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels ;" and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the foregoing message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate ; and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Dayton, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act for making further and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill, with the amendment, was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments of this House to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased or built a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys, in the service of the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to make further compensation for the services of the late Robert Forsyth, Marshal of Georgia," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Nicholas Rieb was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Nicholas Rieb."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined four enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirituous liquors by retail;" another entitled "An act laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons;" another entitled "An act authorizing a settlement of certain expenses of the Commissioners of Loans;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased or built a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys, or otherwise, in the service of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolution reported by the committee to whom were referred two reports of the Secretary of War, accompanying statements in the cases of claimants for invalid pensions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said resolution, as amended, was again read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary for the Department of War be, and he is hereby, directed to make out an exact list of the names of each person returned to him as invalid pensioners by the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the United States, signing themselves as Commissioners, under the act of Congress, passed the twenty-third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the claims of widows and orphans, barred by the limitations heretofore established, and to regulate the claims to invalid pensions;" and to return to the Judge of each district, one copy of such list, stating particularly the district from which each person was returned, and that all are, by Congress, directed not to be entered on the pension list.

And the said Secretary is further directed to return to each District Judge a list of the names of all such persons as have been returned as invalid pensioners by the District Judges, under the act of Congress, passed the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act to regulate claims to invalid pensions," distinguishing those who have been placed on the pension list, and those who have not been placed on the same, by reason of their testimony being incomplete, stating particularly the legal requisite or requisites wanting in the evidence of each; and naming such of them whose evidence of leaving the service is not lodged in his office. And the Judges of the several District Courts, upon receipt of the above described lists and statements from the Secretary for the Department of War, are hereby directed forthwith to publish the same, in every part of their respective districts, adding to such publication the time when the act regulating the claims to invalid pensions expires.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for making further and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act laying duties on licenses for selling wines and foreign distilled spirituous liquors by retail;" another entitled "An act laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons;" another entitled "An act authorizing a settlement of certain expenses of the Commissioners of Loans;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased or built a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys, or otherwise, in the service of the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the remission of the

duties on certain distilled spirits which have been destroyed by fire ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to make further provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the principal Clerks in the Department of State, and in the Treasury and War Departments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

And on the question that the said bill be now read the third time,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 43,
Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Theodorus Bailey,
Benjamin Bourne,
Gabriel Christie,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
William J. Dawson,
Jonathan Dayton,
William Findley,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
James Gordon,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
William Hindman,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,
Andrew Moore,

Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Joseph Neville,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
Theodore Sedgwick,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Venable,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward,
John Watts,
Benjamin Williams, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Elias Boudinot,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joshua Coit,
Isaac Coles,
George Dent,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Andrew Gregg,
William Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon.

James Madison,
Francis Malbone,
Joseph M'Dowell,
William Montgomery,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Nathaniel Niles,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Smilie,
Jeremiah Smith,
Israel Smith,

Thomas Sprigg,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,

Thomas Tredwell,
Francis Walker, and
Joseph Winston.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to continue in force the "Act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;" and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and teas."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Giles, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede, in part, from their disagreement to the second amendment of the first section, and doth agree to the same, with an amendment, by striking out the words "*one cent and a half*," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "*one half a cent*."

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their disagreement to the last amendment to the first section.

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment for striking out the fourth section of the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to ascertain the fees in Admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Benjamin Bourne, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for certain purposes therein expressed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the "Act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain the fees in Admiralty proceedings in the District-Courts of the United States, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to a resolution, that the resolution of the third instant, for the adjournment of the two Houses on this day, be rescinded ; and that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on Monday the ninth instant, to meet again on the day by law appointed ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and, the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain the fees in Admiralty proceedings in the Districts Courts of the United States, and for other purposes ;" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An act to ascertain the fees in Admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of the People West of the Allegany mountain, relative to the navigation of the river Mississippi ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

"*Resolved,* That, as it appears from the communications of the Executive, that the right of the United States to the free navigation of the Mississippi is now the subject of negotiation with the Court of Spain ; and as it is the interest of the United States, and every part thereof, to come to an amicable adjustment of the right in that mode, rather than resort to any means constitutionally belonging to the Legislature, no farther proceeding should be had on the said remonstrance, during the present session of Congress."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, communicating further information relative to recent events on the Southwestern Frontiers of the United States ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Attorney General, of the twenty-first ultimo, accompanying a table of costs and fees for the Courts of the United States : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the table of fees reported by the Attorney General be referred back to him, with directions that he do report to this House, during the next session of Congress, such tables of fees and regulations, relative to the same, as, on a comparative view of the fees taxable in the several States, shall, in his opinion, be proper to be established for the Courts of the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before the House of Representatives, at each annual session, within ten days after the commencement of the same, a distinct account of the revenues arising under the several duties and taxes, and of the expense attending the collection of each particular duty or tax, as far as such expense can be discriminated ; and also, of the number of officers employed in collecting the public revenue, and the allowances made to them, respectively.

Ordered, That Mr. McDowell have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to their second amendment to the first section of the bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels." The Senate also recede from their last amendment to the said first section, to their disagreement to which this House have insisted. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act in addition to the 'Act for making further and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States ;' another entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on certain distilled spirits destroyed by fire ;" another entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the principal Clerks in the Department of State, and in the Treasury and War Departments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four ;" and another entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the three first of the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

It being suggested that a mistake had occurred in the enrolled bill last mentioned, in the foregoing report of the Committee for Enrolled Bills :

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Enrolment be authorized to amend the enrolled bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," by striking out the word "*next*," in the second line of the first section, and by inserting instead thereof the word "*instant*:" Also, by making a corresponding alteration, throughout the bill, and by striking out, in the title thereof, the words "*and on the tonnage of ships or vessels ;*" that the engrossed bill be amended conformably thereto ; and that the concurrence of the Senate be requested, by message, in this resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, authorizing the Committee of Enrolment to amend the enrolled bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels." And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States," as amended, agreeably to the joint resolution of the two Houses, of this day, and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The present doorkeeper of the House having omitted to perform the duties of his office for some time past,

Resolved, That the House will now proceed to choose another doorkeeper in his room, to commence his services from and after Monday next.

The House, accordingly, proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a doorkeeper ; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the Whole House was found in favor of Thomas Claxton.

Ordered, That the said Thomas Claxton do give his attendance accordingly.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for a Health Officer for the town of Baltimore ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act in addition to the act

for making further and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States;" another entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on certain distilled spirits destroyed by fire;" another entitled "An act allowing additional compensation to the principal Clerks in the Department of State, and in the Treasury and War Departments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four;" another entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States;" and another entitled "An act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, one entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, during the recess of the present Congress, to cause to be purchased or built, a number of vessels, to be equipped as galleys, or otherwise, in the service of the United States;" and another, entitled "An act authorizing a settlement of certain expenses of the Commissioners of Loans." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill making appropriations for certain purposes therein expressed; and the same being read, were agreed to.

The said bill was further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and sugar;" another entitled "An act laying duties on licences for selling wines and foreign distilled spirituous liquors, by retail;" and another entitled "An act laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Griffith Jones; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill authorizing the proper officers of the Treasury to settle the account of Griffith Jones as not barred by the act of limitation.

Ordered, That Mr. Findley, Mr. Swift, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Christie, be a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

An engrossed bill to provide for a Health Officer for the town of Baltimore was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a Health Officer."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Samuel Prioleau, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Accounting Officers of the Treasury be authorized to settle the accounts of Samuel Prioleau, as not barred by the acts of limitation.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Findley, Mr. Swift, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Christie, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

• *Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalids;" also, the bill, entitled "An act laying duties on property sold at auction," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Rieb;" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to promote the progress of useful arts,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers," with several amendments; to which

they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for determining the Northern boundary of the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina." The Senate have also disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled 'An act to ascertain the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes.'" And then he withdrew.

Mr. Findley, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the settlement of the claims of Griffith Jones and Samuel Prioleau; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendment, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the reports of the committee to whom was referred the memorials of the Clerks in several of the Public Offices; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That Leighton Wood, Clement C. Brown, Joshua Dawson, Joseph Stretch, Charles Tomkins, William Shepherd, John Little, John Hindman, John Matthews, George Mitchell, John Thompson, Miles F. Clossey, Benjamin Bankson, Philip Audebert, Benjamin Betterton, and Joseph Parker, Clerks in the Public Offices, and the families of George Walker, Jacob S. Howell, Charles Wilson, Thomas O'Hara, and Matthew Walker, also Clerks in the Public Offices, and of James Davison, a Clerk in the Post Office, be allowed, out of the Treasury of the United States, the sum of — dollars.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Tracey, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Williams, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act laying duties on property sold at auction;" and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to authorize the settlement of the claims of Griffith Jones and Samuel Prioleau, against the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the settlement of the claims of Griffith Jones, Samuel Prioleau, and John R. Livingston, against the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to promote the progress of useful arts;'" and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for registration and protection of American seamen; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question, that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was committed the report of the Secretary of War on the memorial of Peter Peritt, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same, and that the said memorial be again referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction farther to examine the same, and make report thereon to the next session.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers;" Whereupon,

The first amendment, to strike out the first three sections of the said bill, being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, viz:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to call out, from time to time, as occasion may require, any number of militia

William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,

Andrew Gregg,
 Samuel Griffin,
 William Barry Grove,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macor,
 James Madison,
 Joseph M'Dowell,
 Alexander Mebane,
 William Montgomery,
 Andrew Moore,
 Joseph Neville,
 John Nicholas,
 Alexander D. Orr,

Josiah Parker,
 Francis Preston,
 Robert Rutherford,
 Thomas Scott,
 John Smilie,
 Jeremiah Smith,
 Thomas Sprigg,
 Thomas Tredwell,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Abraham Venable,
 Francis Walker,
 Benjamin Williams,
 Richard Winn, and
 Joseph Winston.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be put off till to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers." The Senate have postponed to the next session the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claims of Griffith Jones, Samuel Prioleau, and John R. Livingston, against the United States." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for certain purposes therein expressed was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for certain purposes therein expressed."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, viz : one entitled "An act laying duties on property sold at auction ;" another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers ;" another, entitled "An act concerning invalids ;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Rieb ;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to promote the progress of useful arts ;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracey, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making an extra allowance to certain Clerks in the Public Offices, and to the widows and families of certain deceased Clerks ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making certain alterations in the act for establishing the Judicial Courts, and altering the time and place of holding certain Courts," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental Establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also agreed to the resolution "directing the Secretary of War to make out, and return to the District Judges, certain lists, in the cases of invalid pensioners," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act laying duties on property

sold at auction;" another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Rieb;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to promote the progress of useful arts;'" and another entitled "An act concerning invalids."

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars be allowed to the Clerk employed by the committee appointed to examine into the state of the Treasury Department, to be paid by the Clerk of this House, and charged to the account of contingent expenses.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Lyell, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the House do come to the following resolution thereupon:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized, and he is hereby directed to place Robert Lyell, a Captain in the late Continental Army of the South Carolina line, upon the invalid pension list, with the annual allowance of an invalid Captain of the said line, to commence at the time of his discharge, after the fall of Charleston, where he was captured by the British army:"

It passed in the negative.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Gilman, be appointed a committee, jointly, with such committee as shall be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making an extra allowance to certain Clerks in the Public Offices, and to the widows and families of certain deceased Clerks, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an extra allowance to certain Clerks in the Public Offices, and to the widows and families of certain deceased Clerks."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to all the amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;" another entitled "An act concerning invalids;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Rieb;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to promote the progress of useful arts.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Thomas Dunn was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed Assistant Doorkeeper.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota;'" and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the respective Clerks in the several District Courts of the United States to return true copies of the tables of fees payable in the Supreme or Superior Courts of the State in which such Clerk resides, to the Attorney General of the United States, on or before the first day of December next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the resolution directing the Secretary of War to make out and return to the District Judges, certain lists in the cases of invalid pensioners;" and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making certain alterations in the act for establishing the Judicial Courts, and altering the time and place of holding certain Courts;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table, some were agreed to, others amended and agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, directing the respective Clerks of the District Courts of the United States to return copies of the tables of fees payable in the Supreme or Superior Court in which he resides, to the Attorney General. The Senate have also agreed to the resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress, and have appointed a committee for that purpose on their part. The Senate have also disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the payment of a certain sum of money to the French Republic." And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts which originated in this House: one entitled "An act laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States;" and another entitled "An act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded by ballot to the choice of an Assistant Doorkeeper, to commence his services on the first day of the next session; and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Thomas Dunn.

Ordered, That the said Thomas Dunn do give his attendance accordingly, on the first day of the next session.

Ordered, That the report of the committee to whom were referred the Laws of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, passed the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer." I am also directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in the Senate: one entitled "An act in addition to the act for making further and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States;" another entitled "An act for the remission of the duties on certain distilled spirits destroyed by fire;" and another entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the principal Clerks in the Department of State, and in the Treasury and War Departments, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer," and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers;" and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate; and that Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Carnes, and Mr. McDowell, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act making an extra allowance to certain Clerks in the Public Offices, and to the widows and families of certain deceased Clerks." And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer;" and another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota.'" Also, two enrolled resolves: one "directing the Secretary of War to make out and return to the District Judges, certain lists in the cases of invalid pensioners;" and another "directing the respective Clerks of the District Courts of the United States to return copies of the tables of fees payable in the Supreme or Superior Courts in which he resides, to the Attorney General;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolves.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Nicholas, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers, made a report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their disagreement to the said amendments.

Yeas 30—Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Thomas Claiborne,
William J. Dawson,
William Findley,
James Gillespie,
Alexander Gillon,
Nicholas Gilman,
William Barry Grove,
Daniel Heister,
Nathaniel Macon,
James Madison,
Joseph McDowell,
William Montgomery,

Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Francis Preston,
Thomas Scott,
Jeremiah Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
George Dent,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Henry Glen,
William Hindman,
John Hunter,
Henry Latimer,
Amasa Learned,

Francis Malbone,
William Vans Murray,
Andrew Pickens,
Theodore Sedgwick,
William Smith,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
John Watts.

Ordered, That Mr. Lyman and Mr. Dent have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Joint Committee of the two Houses appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service.

Ordered, That there be a call of the House on Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer;" another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota,'" also, two enrolled resolves: one "directing the respective Clerks of the District Courts of the United States to return copies of the tables of fees payable in the Supreme or Superior Court of the State in which he resides, to the Attorney General;" and another "directing the Secretary of War to make out and return to the District Judges, certain lists in the cases of invalid pensioners."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 9.

Another Member, to wit: Lemuel Benton, from South Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to their amendments to the three first sections of the bill, entitled "An act making certain alterations in the act for establishing the Judicial Courts, and altering the time and place of holding certain Courts;" and recede from their amendments disagreed to by this House to the fourth section of the said bill. The Senate also adhere to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual protection of the Southwestern frontier settlers," to a disagreement to which this House have adhered. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House, with the approbation of the Speaker, be authorized to employ a third Engrossing Clerk in his Office, for such time, during the next recess, as shall be found necessary, and to pay him for his services, on the Speaker's certificate, at the same rate as to the other Engrossing Clerks, out of the contingent money of the House.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making certain alterations in the act for establishing the Judicial Courts, and altering the time and place of holding certain Courts," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain purposes therein expressed." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the further compensation of Clerks in the Auditor's Office;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for certain purposes therein mentioned," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the further compensation of Clerks in the Auditor's Office," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

And on the question that the said bill be read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several petitions of Daniel Hall, of the County of Orange, in the State of New York; of sundry inhabitants of Ulster County, in the said State, whose names are thereunto subscribed; of Everardus Bogardus, of Dutchess County, in the said State;

of sundry inhabitants of the town of Kingston, in the said State, whose names are thereunto subscribed; of Cornelius and Wilhelmus Houghtaling, heirs of Tunis Houghtaling; and of Joseph M'Dowell, of the said State; were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the settlement of claims against the United States, and relief for injuries to their property, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts which originated in this House: one entitled "An act laying duties on property sold at auction;" another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to enable the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the Little Miami and Sciota,'" and another entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer." Also, two resolves which originated in this House, one "directing the respective Clerks of the District Courts of the United States to return copies of the tables of fees payable in the Supreme or Superior Courts of the State in which he resides, to the Attorney General;" and another "directing the Secretary of War to make out and return to the District Judges certain lists, in the cases, of invalid pensioners."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and payments of public moneys, from the first of January to the thirty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the Senate, having completed the legislative business before them, are now about to adjourn until the first Monday in November next: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until the first Monday in November next.

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Of such Proceedings as, during the time they were depending, were ordered to be kept secret.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1793.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 16, 1793.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you a report of the Secretary of State on the measures which have been taken on behalf of the United States, for the purpose of obtaining a recognition of our treaty with Morocco, and for the ransom of our citizens and establishment of peace with Algiers.

While it is proper our citizens should know that subjects which so much concern their interests and their feelings have duly engaged the attention of their Legislature and Executive; it would still be improper that some particulars of this communication should be made known. The confidential conversation stated in one of the last letters sent herewith, is one of these. Both justice and policy require that the source of that information should remain secret. So a knowledge of the sums meant to have been given for peace and ransom, might have a disadvantageous influence on future proceedings for the same objects.

G. WASHINGTON.

The proceedings on the foregoing message are entered at large on the public journal.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1794.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the confidential communications from the President, respecting the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a recognition of the treaty between the United States and Morocco, and for the ransom of prisoners, and establishment of peace with the Algerines: Whereupon,

The first and second of the said resolutions being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding ——— dollars be appropriated, in addition to the provision heretofore made, to defray any expense which may be incurred in relation to the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.

Resolved, That a Naval force, adequate to the protection of the commerce of the United States against the Algerine corsairs, ought to be provided.

The third resolution being read in the words following:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this House, the Naval force necessary for the purposes aforesaid, together with an estimate of the expense."

A motion was made and seconded to amend the same, by adding to the end thereof, the words "and the ways and means for defraying the same:"

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Beatty,
Thomas Blount,
Thomas P. Carnes,
Gabriel Christie,
Abraham Clark,
Isaac Coles,
William J. Dawson,
Henry Dearborn,
George Dent,
William Findley,
William B. Giles,
Christopher Greenup,
Andrew Gregg,
William B. Grove,
Carter B. Harrison,
John Heath,
Daniel Heister,
William Irvine,
Richard Bland Lee,
Matthew Locke,
Nathaniel Macon,

James Madison,
Joseph M'Dowell,
Alexander Mebane,
William Montgomery,
Andrew Moore,
Joseph Neville,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Alexander D. Orr,
Josiah Parker,
Andrew Pickens,
Francis Preston,
Robert Rutherford,
John S. Sherburne,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Tredwell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Abraham Venable,
Francis Walker,
Benjamin Williams,
Paine Wingate, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
James Armstrong,
Elias Boudinot,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Benjamin Bourne,
Lambert Cadwalader,
David Cobb,
Peleg Coffin,
Joshua Coit,
Jonathan Dayton,
Samuel Dexter,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Uriah Forest,
Dwight Foster,
Ezekiel Gilbert,
Nicholas Gilman,
Henry Glen,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
James Hillhouse,
Samuel Holten,

John Wilkes Kittera,
Amasa Learned,
William Lyman,
Francis Malbone,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Vans Murray,
Nathaniel Niles,
Thomas Scott,
Jeremiah Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Sprigg,
Zephaniah Swift,
Silas Talbot,
George Thatcher,
Uriah Tracey,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John E. Van Allen,
Peter Van Gaasbeck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Artemas Ward, and
John Watts.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said resolution, amended to read as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this House the Naval force necessary for the purposes aforesaid, together with an estimate of the expense, and the ways and means for defraying the same."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Forest, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Parker, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Winn, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the last resolution.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1794.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *May 21, 1794.**Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I lay before you, *in confidence*, sundry papers, by which you will perceive the state of affairs between us and the Six Nations, and the probable cause to which it is owing. And also certain information, whereby it would appear that some encroachment was about to be made on our territory, by an officer and party of British troops. Proceeding on a supposition of the authenticity of this information, although of a private nature, I have caused the representation to be made to the British Minister, a copy of which accompanies this message.

It cannot be necessary to comment upon the very serious nature of such an encroachment, nor to urge that this new state of things suggests the propriety of placing the United States in a posture of effectual preparation for an event, which, notwithstanding the endeavors making to avert it, may, by circumstances beyond our control, be forced upon us.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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